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**TORONTO (AP)** — Toronto Mayor Rob Ford vowed Friday to take City Council to court after it voted overwhelmingly to strip him of some of his powers over his admitted drug use, public drinking and increasingly erratic behavior. Then, in a flash of remorse, the 44-year-old Ford declared: "If I would have had a mayor conducting themselves the way I have, I would have done exactly the same thing."

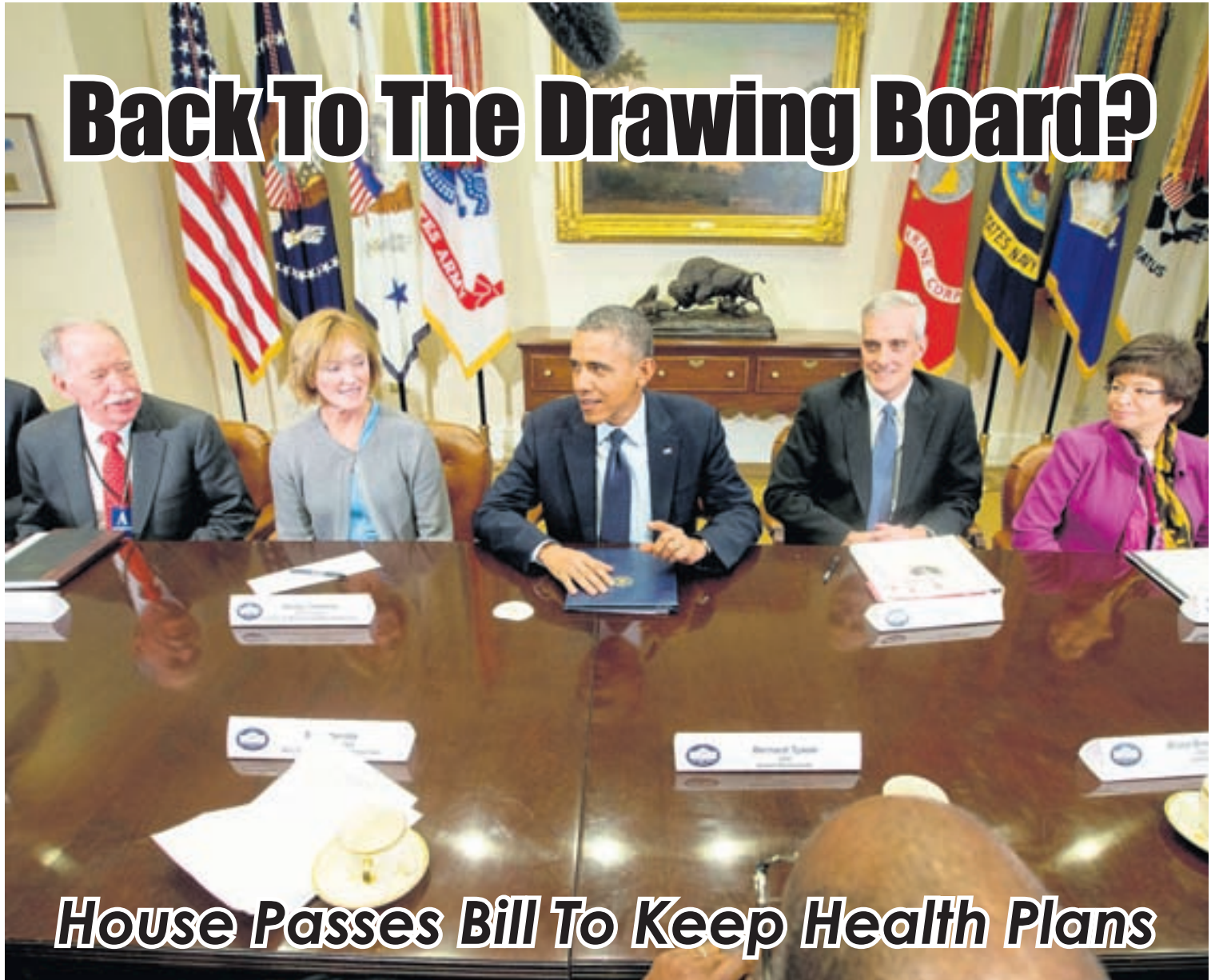


Toronto Mayor Rob Ford sits in the council chamber in Toronto on Friday, Nov. 15, 2013. (AP Photo/Chris Young)

The motion, approved in a 39-3 vote, suspends Ford's authority to appoint and dismiss the deputy mayor and his executive committee, which runs the budget process. The council also voted to give the deputy mayor authority to handle any civic emergency. The effort will continue Monday when the council moves to strip the mayor of most of his remaining powers. The votes capped another frenzied week of twists and turns in a scandal that has consumed Canada's largest city and financial capital for months. Newly released court documents show the mayor became the subject of a police investigation after news reports surfaced in May.

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## Back To The Drawing Board?



## House Passes Bill To Keep Health Plans

President Barack Obama makes a statement in the Roosevelt Room of the White House in Washington, Friday, Nov. 15, 2013, before the start of a meeting with representatives of health insurance companies. From left are, Department of Health and Human Services Office of Health Reform Director Michael Hash; Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services head Marilyn Tavenner; the president; White House Chief of Staff Denis McDonough and White House senior adviser Valerie Jarrett.

(AP Photo/ Evan Vucci)

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**WASHINGTON** - Defying a veto threat from President Barack Obama, the House on Friday approved legislation that would allow health insurance companies to renew individual insurance policies and sell similar policies to new customers next year even if the coverage does not provide all the benefits and consumer protections required by the new health care law. The vote was 261-157, with 39 Democrats bucking their party leadership to vote in favor of the bill.

The legislation would go further than the fix announced Thursday by Obama, who

said he would temporarily waive some requirements of the law and allow insurers to renew "current policies for current enrollees." Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., the chief sponsor of the House bill, said his legislation would fulfill a promise that Obama had made to the American people and then broken.

"In the last three years," Upton said, "the president personally promised that, if people liked their current health care plan, they could keep it 'no matter what.'"

But cancellation notices are now arriving in millions of mailboxes across the country. It's cancellation today, sticker shock tomorrow.

row."

Upton, the chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee, belittled Obama's proposal, saying it was offered at the last minute, "as the administration's allies in Congress panicked."

Senior Democrats criticized the Upton legislation as a ploy that could unravel the entire health care law.

"Don't pretend you care about the American people's health care here," said Rep. Mike Doyle, D-Pa. "You just want to repeal the Affordable Care Act. Democrats are not going to let you do that."

The outlook for the legislation is unclear in the Senate, where Democrats run-

ning for re-election in 2014 are looking for a way to help consumers facing the loss of insurance policies that do not meet requirements of the 2010 law.

Sen. Mary L. Landrieu, D-La., was one of the first Democrats to break with the White House and offer her own plan, which would allow people to keep their current plans indefinitely. However, after the president's turnabout Thursday, many Senate Democrats said they were waiting to see if additional legislation was necessary, and quick action in the Senate is not expected.

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# Toronto council strips Mayor Ford of powers

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The reports stated that he had been caught on video smoking crack cocaine. In interviews with police, former staffers accused the mayor of frequently drinking, driving while intoxicated and making sexual advances toward a female staffer.

Ford stirred up further controversy and even offended Toronto's football team

jailed.

Ford's mood swings were on full display Friday as he defiantly vowed to fight the motion in court, then conceded he understood why the council took the measures.

"I'm not mad at anybody. I take full responsibility," Ford said.

The mayor, a conservative who touts his efforts to curb public spending and keep taxes low, later made it clear he intends to seek re-

The mayor of North America's fourth-largest city said he didn't care that many council members were laughing at him, noting he won a large mandate in the 2010 election and was laughed at for years as a councilman before being elected mayor.

"They laughed at me for 13 years but fortunately 387,000 people never laughed at me. We'll see what happens" the mayor said.

Friday's vote came a day after yet another series of antics that outraged city councilors.

"We need to take away his power for the good of the city," said Councilor Denzil Minnan-Wong, a former ally. "The tide has turned and there are very few people that are prepared to defend him given his vulgar comments and his admission that not only does he takes drugs but that he seems to be comfortable drinking and getting behind the wheel."

On Thursday, Ford spouted an obscenity while denying that he pressured a female employee for oral sex, saying on live television that he was "happily married" and using crude language to assert that he enjoys enough oral sex at home.

"If it wasn't for that stupid comment he made yesterday no one would have thought this (the council's action) was appropriate," his attorney Morris told The Associated Press.

"It was a turning point for public sympathy. That type of remark is never ever appropriate in public," the attorney said, adding that the "media have been attacking him like jackals" and Ford "lost it."

Ford announced Thursday that he was seeking medical help, though he declined to provide details. Although the mayor has admitted to excessive drinking and using and buying illegal drugs, he and his family insist he is not an addict and does not need rehab. □



Mayor Rob Ford makes his way to the council chamber in Toronto on Friday, Nov. 15, 2013. The City Council voted overwhelmingly to strip Ford of some of his powers in the latest attempt to box in the brash leader who has rebuffed pressure to resign over his drinking and drug use. Ford vowed to fight it in court. The council passed the motion 39-3.

(AP Photo/Chris Young)

when he wore a team jersey while making a profanity-laced statement about the allegations Thursday. Most city councilors are frustrated by Ford's refusal to step aside, but they lack the authority to force him from office unless he is convicted of a crime and

election next year.

"Councilors spoke today. The taxpayers of this great city will have their say Oct. 27," Ford told a crush of reporters at City Hall, referring to next year's municipal elections. Nearby, a few hecklers shouted, "Resign! Resign!"

Ford's lawyer, Dennis Morris, accused the council of attempting an illegal "coup," while his brother and adviser, councilman Doug Ford, called him "the mayor of the people" and said the rights of those who voted for him were being trampled.

## EU, US envoys: Trade pact won't hurt consumers

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Associated Press

**BRUSSELS (AP)** — U.S. and European Union negotiators on Friday reported good headway in their talks for a proposed free trade deal, and disputed charges that ordinary citizens could be the losers.

As the second round of negotiations on the ambitious agenda to grow what is already the world's biggest two-way trade and investment relationship ended here, EU Trade Commissioner Karel De Gucht announced "good and steady progress."

The proposed Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, or TTIP, could lead to a U.S.-EU agreement to allow many goods and services approved for use on one side of the Atlantic to be automatically cleared for sale on the other.

The elimination of often conflicting regulations is supposed to lead to reduced costs for producers and customers alike. But consumer groups and non-governmental organizations in the United States and Europe have expressed fears that the dismantling of long-established regulatory frameworks could free up businesses to sell more untested or unsafe products and services.

Both U.S. and Europeans officials said Friday that won't happen.

"The negotiations are not about compromising our standards," EU chief negotiator Ignacio Garcia Bercero told a joint news conference.

Chief U.S. negotiator Dan Mullaney said TTIP is meant to be a model of how two developed economies can cooperate to increase trade and investment in a way that doesn't "undermine protections for consumers, the environment and human health and safety."

Among the issues discussed in the second round were ways to harmonize U.S. and EU regulations. □

## UK warns of ransom scam targeting millions

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**LONDON (AP)** — British officials issued an unusually stark alert about a cyber-scram that locks users out of their computers unless they pay a ransom, saying Friday that tens of millions of people may soon be targeted.

In a warning headlined "URGENT ALERT," Britain's National Crime Agency said they were aware of

a "mass email spamming event that is ongoing" and urged computer users to beware of messages purporting to come from their bank.

Tony Neate, the chief executive of British Internet safety group GetSafeOnline, said it was noteworthy that the agency — often described as Britain's equivalent of the FBI — had sent out such a strongly worded alert about a cyberscam.

"They're only going to do it if they think it is serious," he said in a telephone interview.

The scam targeting Britons works by tricking people into downloading CryptoLocker, a new brand of malicious software that encrypts a user's hard drive, effectively putting their photos, documents, and other data under lock and key.

A 72-hour countdown clock

appears on the screen warning that the files will be lost irrevocably unless a ransom is paid, either through Bitcoin — a tough-to-trace new and complicated type of cybercurrency — or MoneyPak cash cards.

Ransoms tend to be \$100 or \$300, according to BleepingComputer, a security website that has closely tracked CryptoLocker's spread. □



## Solution may be near for nuclear deal with Iran, U.S. official says

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**WASHINGTON** - A senior Obama administration official said Friday that a solution could be found for one of the major stumbling blocks to an agreement that would freeze Iran's nuclear program, and that the accord might be achieved next week.

"For the first time in nearly a decade," the official said, "we are getting close to a first step that would stop the Iranian nuclear program from advancing and roll it back in key areas."

Talks between six world powers and Iran are scheduled to resume in Geneva on Wednesday. Western diplomats hope to complete an accord then that would halt Iran's nuclear efforts for six months while negotiators pursue a more comprehensive agreement that would ensure that Tehran's program is solely for civilian purposes.

Iran insists that its nuclear program is entirely peaceful, but many experts believe it is intended to provide Iran with the capability to develop nuclear weapons.

One of the major impediments to an agreement next week is Iran's insistence that the international community formally acknowledge its "right" to continue to enrich uranium. The United States asserts that there is no such right under the nuclear nonproliferation treaty. But U.S. officials appear to be seeking a solution in which Iran would be allowed to enrich uranium at the low level of 3.5 percent - used to fuel most civilian nuclear reactors - during an interim agreement and also under a comprehensive accord.

The condition would be that Iran accept a series of limitations, including stringent verification, on its nuclear program. Iran now has some stockpiles of uranium it has enriched to nearly 20 percent, which is used to fuel a specialty reactor but is also much closer to weapons grade uranium.

"I think there is a way to navigate it," the senior administration official said when asked if a compromise might be found on Iran's claim of a right to enrich uranium.

The official did not detail the potential compromise, but one solution, Western diplomats say, would be for Iran and world powers to agree to disagree on how to interpret the nuclear nonproliferation treaty.

"I am sure that whatever gets agreed to in this document, Iran will argue that they have the right to enrichment," the senior administration official said, referring to the interim accord now under negotiation. "And we will argue, as I am sure the document will make clear, that nothing has been agreed as to the final dimensions of Iran's peaceful nuclear program once it can assure the international community that it is peaceful."

During a previous round of talks in Geneva, the two sides appeared to be close to cementing an interim agreement that would temporarily freeze Iran's nuclear progress in return for modest relief from economic sanctions.

The talks next week will involve Iran and the countries that make up the P5 plus 1: the United States, France, Britain, Russia and China, the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council, plus Germany.

Catherine Ashton, the foreign policy chief of the European Union, will begin the talks Wednesday by meeting with the Iranian foreign minister, Mohammad Javad Zarif.

The negotiations will continue over the next few days. If an agreement appears to be near, it is possible that Secretary of State John Kerry and other foreign ministers will fly to Geneva to complete the deal. □

## House Passes Bill To Keep Health Plans

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With the House debating the measure, Obama and his top aides were to meet with insurance company executives at the White House in an effort to quell concerns about the implications of the president's plan.

The insurance industry reacted with alarm to Obama's announcement Thursday, saying that the decision to change the rules about who could keep insurance plans had the potential to undermine the Affordable Care Act and raise premiums.

political cover. The Democratic proposal, which was rejected by Republicans, would have allowed people who like their current plans to retain them for an additional year. Unlike with Upton's bill, however, insurers would not be allowed to sell plans that previously faced cancellation to new customers.

Rep. Eric Cantor of Virginia, the No. 2 House Republican, said insurers should be allowed to sell new policies like those now in force because it was extremely difficult for consumers to obtain coverage through the federal website, Health-

law rollout and the debut of the insurance website, which has been paralyzed by technological failures.

Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California, the House Democratic leader, said Upton's bill "pulls the plug on the Affordable Care Act."

Rep. Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn., said the Upton bill would provide relief to some people hurt by the president's health care overhaul.

"The American people have grown weary of this administration spending money that it does not have on programs the American people do not



**House Majority Leader Eric Cantor walks to the House Floor before voting on a health care bill on Capitol Hill in Washington, Nov. 15, 2013. The House approved legislation on Friday, defying a veto threat from President Obama, allowing health insurance companies to renew individual insurance policies even if the coverage does not provide the benefits and protections required by the Affordable Care Act.**

(Doug Mills/The New York Times)

"This decision continues different rules for different policies and threatens to undermine the new market, and may lead to higher premiums and market disruptions in 2014 and beyond," Jim Donelon, Louisiana's insurance regulator and the president of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, said Thursday.

House Democrats on Friday used a procedural maneuver to offer a plan of their own called "Landrieu lite," intended to build upon the president's fix and offer their members additional

Care.gov.

But Rep. Jim McGovern, D-Mass., said Upton's bill was an attempt to "drag us back to the bad old days of the American health care system."

It would, he said, allow insurers to sell "cut-rate shoddy policies that lack the consumer protections of the Affordable Care Act." The House vote came as Obama struggles to extricate himself from a political crisis of his own making. Opinion polls indicate that he is losing the trust of many Americans because of his handling of the health

want," Blackburn said. "The president's health care law is a great example."

The White House said President Obama would veto the House bill if it got to him. The bill, the administration said, would reverse progress made in extending coverage to the uninsured.

The House bill says that, if an insurer was providing coverage in the individual market on Jan. 1 of this year, it "may continue" to offer such coverage for sale next year in the market outside the new insurance exchanges. □



# 5-year-old 'Batkid' fights crime in San Francisco

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Associated Press

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — A 5-year-old boy grabbed the attention of San Francisco — and then the White House — on Friday as thousands of residents joined an elaborate effort to help the tiny leukemia patient play crime-fighting "Batkid" for a day.

With the help of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Miles Scott was rescuing a woman, capturing the evil Riddler during a bank robbery and stopping a kidnapping by another villain, the Penguin.

A grateful mayor Ed Lee planned to give the boy a key to the city after the "crooks" were caught.

Miles thought he was in San Francisco only to get a Batman costume so he could dress like his favorite superhero.

Instead, he saw a broadcast in the morning with Police Chief Greg Suhr call-

ing for his help.

"This has turned into a full blown phenomenon," Suhr said Thursday.

The San Francisco Chron-

icle planned to distribute special-edition newspapers with the headline, "Batkid Saves City."

Miles took off from Union

Square on Friday morning in one of two Batmobiles — black Lamborghinis with Batman decals. Police escorted the cars and closed

off roads as the boy, accompanied by an adult Batman impersonator, sped away to save a woman in distress on a cable car track.

The White House sent out a Tweet encouraging Batkid to "Go get 'em!"

The bashful Miles looked overwhelmed by the attention.

A crowd roared as Batman and Batkid rescued the woman, disabled a plastic replica bomb and moved on to their next adventure. The crowds grew after each one, chanting, "Bat kid, bat kid."

Spectators climbed trees and clambered up lamp-posts. The boy's father, Nick Scott, thanked the estimated 7,000 people who were making his son's wish come true.

Miles was diagnosed with leukemia when he was 18 months old, ended treatments in June and is in remission. □



Miles Scott, dressed as Batkid, right, walks with Batman before saving a damsel in distress in San Francisco, Friday, Nov. 15, 2013. San Francisco turned into Gotham City on Friday, as city officials helped fulfill Scott's wish to be "Batkid." Scott, a leukemia patient from Tulelake in far Northern California, was called into service on Friday morning by San Francisco Police Chief Greg Suhr to help fight crime, The Greater Bay Area Make-A-Wish Foundation says.

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## Michigan homeowner charged in woman's death

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**DETROIT** - A suburban Detroit homeowner Friday was formally charged with second-degree murder and manslaughter in the death of Renisha Marie McBride, a 19-year-old woman who was shot in the face with a shotgun as she stood on the man's porch in the middle of the night nearly two weeks ago.

The defendant, Theodore Paul Wafer, 54, was also charged with possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony at his arraignment Friday afternoon. His lawyers waived a reading of his charges.

One of his lawyers, Mack L. Carpenter, pledged to mount "a strong defense." The shooting in Dearborn Heights almost two weeks ago has stirred racial tensions both in Detroit, a mostly black city, and in its whiter suburbs, including Dearborn Heights, which sits just across the city line. Much remains unclear about what happened in the early morning hours of Nov. 2, when McBride, who was black, crashed her car and hours later ended up on the doorstep of Wafer who is white.

McBride's relatives have said they believe she had come to Wafer's house seeking help. Wafer has

told the police that he believed McBride had been trying to break in.

Although the case has

been compared to the shooting of Trayvon Martin, the unarmed black teenager killed last year in

Florida, the Wayne County prosecutor, Kym L. Worthy, said at a news conference Friday that "race is not relevant."

Worthy said McBride had knocked on the exterior screen door of Wafer's Dearborn Heights home around 4:30 a.m. Nov. 2. McBride had been in a car accident about three hours earlier, and tests have subsequently shown that she was legally intoxicated. Witnesses said that, after the car accident, McBride appeared to be disoriented and walked off into the darkness before returning, then walking away again. Neighbors said they had called 911, but by the time the police and an ambulance arrived, McBride was gone. □



Theodore Paul Wafer, who is suspected of shooting Renisha Marie McBride, at his arraignment in Dearborn Heights, Mich., Nov. 15, 2013. Wafer was charged Friday with second-degree murder, manslaughter and felony firearms possession in the death of McBride, a 19-year-old woman who was shot in the face as she stood on the man's porch in the middle of the night nearly two weeks ago.

(Fabrizio Costantini/The New York Times)

## 'Revenge porn' victims press for laws

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Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Annmarie Chiarini's long-distance boyfriend was goading her to pose nude. The pictures would be for his eyes only, Chiarini recalls him saying, because she was so beautiful and because he missed her so much. He promised, she said, they would be stored on a compact disc and hidden in his drawer. Chiarini believed him — until they broke up and the CD was auctioned on eBay with a link emailed to her friends and family. Copies were later mailed to her son's Catholic school kindergarten teacher and the department head at the college where Chiarini taught English. The images eventually wound up on a pornographic video-sharing site, earning 4,000 views in less than two weeks. It's called "revenge porn," and it's legal in everywhere in the United States but California and New Jer-

sey. An increasing number of states are considering whether to make it illegal to post any sexually explicit image online without that person's permission. But groups like the American Civil Liberties Union and the Electronic Frontier Foundation say they worry such proposals run afoul of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which protects free speech.

"We generally don't think that finding more ways to put people in prison for speech is a good thing," said Adi Kamdar, an activist at the Electronic Frontier Foundation. "A lot of times, these laws — if they aren't narrowly focused enough — they can be interpreted too broadly."

Chiarini, a single mother from Maryland, said the night her boyfriend said he was going to post the photos, she "called the police in an absolute panic and tried to explain what was going on. The police, she said, responded, "'So?'" □

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## AP Exclusive: US union vote won't affect VW plans

**ERIK SCHELZIG**  
**Associated Press**

**NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)**

— Volkswagen, the world's third-largest automaker, is shocking Southern union foes by engaging in talks with the United Auto Workers about creating a German-style "works council" at its Chattanooga, Tennessee, plant.

A top Volkswagen labor official said Thursday that a pending decision about union representation for workers at the automaker's

Osterloh visited the plant Thursday and later met with Republican Gov. Bill Haslam in Nashville. In his only U.S. interview, Osterloh told The Associated Press that while the company's dedication to "co-determination" supports the creation of works councils at all its plants, market forces will decide whether the Chattanooga plant is expanded.

"Those two things have nothing to do with each other," Osterloh said during the interview, which

and working conditions for all employees.

"It's important to note that the issue for us is works councils, not unions," Osterloh said. "And your law says if I want to transfer authority to a works council, I need to work with a union."

The UAW has said it has collected signatures from a majority of workers at the plant, meaning Volkswagen could recognize the union without a formal vote.

Opponents of the UAW,



This photo shows the Volkswagen logo on the grill of a 2013 Volkswagen GTI on display at the 2013 Pittsburgh Auto Show in Pittsburgh. The world's third-largest automaker, which is mulling whether to make a new SUV in Mexico or Tennessee, shocked Southern union foes by engaging in talks with the United Auto Workers about creating a German-style "works council" at the Chattanooga, Tenn., plant.

(AP Photo/Gene J. Puskar)

lone U.S. plant will have no bearing on whether the company will decide to add the production of another SUV vehicle there or make it in Mexico.

Southern politicians say they fear a successful UAW organization of the Volkswagen plant would hurt the region's ability to attract future investment and that it could lead to the spread of organized labor to other foreign car makers. But labor leaders like Bernd Osterloh, head of the Volkswagen's global works councils and a member of the company's supervisory board, stress that the Chattanooga plant is the only major Volkswagen facility around the globe that does not have formal worker representation.

was conducted in German. "The decision about a vehicle will always be made along economic and employment policy lines. It has absolutely nothing to do with the whole topic about whether there is a union there or not."

Labor representatives, who make up half of the Wolfsburg, Germany-based automaker's supervisory board, have pressured VW management to enter discussions about union representation at the Chattanooga plant because U.S. law requires that any works council be created through an established union.

In Germany, wages are bargained through the union, while works councils negotiate plant-specific matters such as job security

including Haslam and U.S. Sen. Bob Corker, a Tennessee Republican, have called for a secret ballot.

Osterloh said he takes no position on whether the company should automatically recognize the union, and that it's up to management to decide whether to require a vote. "Volkswagen is led by its board, and not by politicians," he said. "The board will certainly make the right decision." Corker, a former Chattanooga mayor, has been among the most vocal critics of unionization efforts at the plant. He has urged Volkswagen to abandon talks with the UAW, suggesting the company would become a "laughingstock" if it welcomed the union into the plant.



Visitors to the Newseum view the "Anchorman" movie exhibit at the Newseum in Washington, Friday, Nov. 15, 2013. The museum about news and the First Amendment has opened "Anchorman: The Exhibit," featuring costumes and props from Will Ferrell's 2004 movie "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy." The story of a fictional news team's sexist reaction to the arrival of an ambitious female reporter was a parody of real tumult in the 1970s TV business.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

## Anchorman parody of TV news lands at Newseum

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**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)**

While Dorothy's ruby slippers from "The Wizard of Oz" movie are prize artifacts at the Smithsonian museum, Ron Burgundy's burgundy "Anchorman" suit might turn out to be the most popular item at the Newseum.

The museum about news and the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution has opened "Anchorman: The Exhibit," featuring costumes and props from Will Ferrell's 2004 movie "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy." The story of a fictional news team's sexist reaction to the arrival of an ambitious female reporter was a parody of real tumult in the 1970s TV business.

For the exhibition created with Paramount Pictures, Newseum curators paired more than 60 costumes and props from the movie with real stories about TV news and the struggle for women to achieve equality in the newsroom.

"In any parody, there's a kernel of truth, right?" said Cathy Trost, the Newseum's vice president of exhibits. "There really was a time in news history when men owned the anchor chair and women were a novelty in the newsroom. The movie gets that right, though in a very over-the-top way, and we wanted to show the reality behind

the humor."

In addition to Burgundy's suit, displayed in a revolving case, the museum also exhibits his flute, mustache brush and a reporter's "Sex Panther" cologne. Costumes in the exhibit include those worn by Veronica Corningstone, the ambitious reporter played by Christina Applegate. There's also a replica of the "Anchorman" news desk. For each detail from the movie, there's also a dose of reality. The Newseum pulled together stories of women who broke down barriers in television, including a Kansas City news anchor who sued her station after she was demoted for being "too old" and "too unattractive." In 1972, only 11 percent of U.S. news anchors were women.

That began to change, though, with the advent of the "Eyewitness News" format pioneered by WABC-TV in New York City and many others. The format opened doors for women and minorities in TV as stations used news teams and marketing gimmicks to win over viewers by presenting one big happy family on air.

"News teams replaced anchors and became more like the communities they covered," Trost said.

Ads promoted news shows with such slogans as "Eyewitness News: People like us because we like us."



## US Financial Front:

# American factory production rises again; 0.3% in October

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — U.S. factories increased production for a third straight month in October, as stronger output of primary metals and furniture offset declines in auto production. Manufacturing output rose 0.3 percent last month, up from 0.1 percent in September, the Federal Reserve reported Friday. Factory output is the biggest component of industrial production, which also includes mining and utilities. Overall industrial production fell 0.1 percent after a 0.7 percent September gain. The mining sector, which includes oil and gas drilling, declined 1.6 percent after six months of gains. Utility output fell 1.1 percent.

Manufacturing has been gaining strength in recent months. Output has

risen in five of the past six months. And factories have stepped up hiring over the past three months, according to the government's October employment report released last week.

Factories are busier in part because overseas growth has picked up and the housing recovery has driven more demand for furniture and other wood products. Automakers are

also having their best year for sales since the recession, although production of motor vehicles and parts fell 1.3 percent in October after two months of gains. Output of primary metals

such as steel rose 1.1 percent and furniture production was up 1.5 percent.

Economists were encouraged by the gains in manufacturing after a period of weakness in the spring and early summer. They predicted those increases would continue, helped by strengthening overseas demand and less impact from federal government spending cuts and tax increases.

"As long as the overseas recovery continues and the domestic fiscal drag fades, output should continue to grow at reasonable rates," said Paul Dales senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics.

The government report was the latest sign of strength for manufacturing. A private sector report from the Institute for Supply Management showed factory activity climbed to a 2 ½ year high in October. The



**Employees at Sheffield Platers Inc. work on the factory floor in San Diego. The Federal Reserve reported positive data on output from U.S. factories, mines and utilities in October on Friday, Nov. 15, 2013.**

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# China plans to ease 1-child policy and end labor camps

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**HONG KONG** - The Chinese government will ease its one-child family restrictions and abolish "re-education through labor" camps, significantly curtailing two policies that for decades have defined the state's power to control citizens' lives, the Communist Party said Friday.

The changes were announced in a party decision that also laid out broad and potentially far-reaching proposals to restructure the economy by encouraging greater private participation in finance, vowing market competition in

several important parts of the economy and promising farmers better property protection and compensation for confiscated land. Senior party officials, led by President Xi Jinping, endorsed the 60 reform initiatives at a four-day Central Committee conference that ended Tuesday, but

the decision was released Friday. Xi described the document as a bold call for economic renewal, social improvement and patriotic nation-building - all under the firm control of one-party rule. "We must certainly have the courage and conviction to renew ourselves,"

he said in a statement accompanying the decision. Both were issued by the official news agency, Xinhua. "Overcome all the cross-cutting restrictions, surmount the constraints of sectional interests," said Xi, who was appointed party leader a year ago and made state president last March.

Xi has tried to project an image as a leader who can pursue a potentially conflicting agenda: bringing about broad economic and social shifts while also fortifying one-party rule. For months, analysts have speculated about the new economic policies that could be introduced at the meeting. But the planned changes to population policy and punishment, two areas where reforms have been debated, and delayed, for years, gave the decision significance beyond the economy and could stir public expectations of even bolder changes under Xi and Prime Minister Li Keqiang in the decade they are likely to spend in office. "Xi Jinping may have the most concentrated power of any Chinese leader since Deng Xiaoping," said Xiao Gongqin, a professor of history in Shanghai who closely follows Chinese politics and advocates "neo-authoritarian" rule to protect the march of market reforms. "Politically, he has pursued an ideological tightening, because he wants to prevent the kind of explosion in political demands that could come in a relaxed environment. That's the biggest danger for any government entering a period of reform." For decades, most urban couples have been restricted to having one child. That has been changing fitfully, with rules on the books that couples can have two children if both parents are single children. But that policy will be now be further relaxed nationwide. Many rural couples already have two, or sometimes more, children.



Children arrive by bus at a primary school in Beijing. The Chinese government will ease its one-child family size restrictions and abolish re-education through labor camps, significantly curtailing two policies that for decades have defined the state's power to control citizens' lives, the Communist Party said on Friday, Nov. 15, 2013.

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## The Hague:

# Arms monitor debates plan to destroy weapons

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**LONDON** - Members of the U.N. chemical weapons watchdog met Friday in The Hague to debate and possibly adopt a Syrian government plan to destroy its stocks of toxic munitions under a deal brokered by Russia and the United States to avert a U.S.-led military strike.

But, as the executive council of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons opened its deliberations, the outcome of the discussions seemed to hinge in part on a decision to be made in distant Albania, where the United States is pressing the authorities to permit the destruction of around 1,300 tons of Syrian chemical weapons on its

territory.

Norway has already refused a U.S. request to destroy the arsenal on its soil, and opposition lawmakers in Albania registered powerful objections Thursday to a similar entreaty from Washington, news reports said.

Russia and the United States want most of the chemical stockpile to be removed from Syria by the end of the year and completely destroyed by mid-2014. But the idea of receiving tons of toxic weapons has raised environmental, political and other concerns in potential host countries. Protesters outside the Albanian Parliament in Tirana carried placards on Thursday proclaiming, "No to chemical weapons in Alba-

nia," Reuters said.

After an initial session Friday, the 41-member executive council of the chemical watchdog adjourned its talks until later, ostensibly to give delegates more time to work on the wording of an announcement but also to await word from Tirana about Albania's response to the U.S. request. Prime Minister Edi Rama of Albania said he will make his country's position clear shortly before the planned resumption of the meeting in The Hague in late afternoon.

On Oct. 24, Syria presented the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons with "its formal initial declaration covering its chemical weapons program," the watchdog said

at the time.

"Such declarations provide the basis on which plans are devised for a systematic, total and verified destruction of declared chemical weapons and production facilities," the organization said, adding that the Syrian document included "a general plan of destruction."

International chemical weapons inspectors inside Syria said last week that they had verified the destruction of 22 of the 23 sites that the Syrian government declared had been used for the production and mixing of the banned munitions.

But the destruction of the stockpile of weapons and chemicals is far more complex. □

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## Islamists protesting coup in Egypt as clashes kill 1

MARIAM RIZK  
Associated Press

**CAIRO (AP)** — Several thousand supporters of Egypt's ousted president rallied Friday as security forces deployed extra police officers and soldiers for the first weekend since a curfew across much of the country ended.

Clashes between supporters of toppled leader Mohammed Morsi and residents in the Mediterranean city of Alexandria killed a 16-year-old boy, the Interior Ministry said in a statement. It said Ihab Selim suffered a gunshot wound to the chest in the fighting and it was unclear who fired the shot.

The statement said police arrested seven Morsi supporters over the clashes.

Morsi supporters also protested at the presidential palace in Cairo. Protest-

ers shot off fireworks and chanted slogans against the military.

At one point, the crowd shouted: "This time is for real, we are not going to leave it for anybody."

"We are protesting every day and our demands are the same," protester Sayed Mohammed said.

The military overthrew Morsi and his Muslim Brotherhood-backed government in a popularly supported coup on July 3.

Supporters held near-daily protests since, with some demonstrations ending in bloody clashes with security forces or opponents.

Friday's planned protests largely fizzled out with fewer participants.

In the recent weeks, the numbers of protesters have fallen sharply as authorities have arrested hundreds of Brotherhood leaders and



A supporter of Egypt's ousted President Mohammed Morsi wearing a Guy Fawkes mask raises Morsi's campaign poster during a protest in Cairo, Egypt, Friday, Nov. 15, 2013. Arabic reads, "Morsi is my president." Authorities moved Egypt's ousted president from a hospital room to solitary confinement in a massive prison complex Thursday, a security official said, as his son claimed officials denied a family visitation request after lawyers delivered a message from the leader.

(AP Photo/Amr Nabil)

rank-and-file members. This Friday marked the first weekend since the end of emergency rule in the country, following an Aug. 14 security force crackdown

on camps of Morsi supporters in Cairo that killed more than 600 people and sparked days of unrest. A curfew over much of the country ended with it. Worried about potential

unrest from the curfew ending, authorities deployed extra police officers and soldiers to the streets. They also positioned armored personnel carriers at some major squares. □

## Berlusconi's center-right party suffers another setback

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Associated Press

**ROME (AP)** — Silvio Berlusconi suffered another major setback on Friday after his political heir announced he was leaving Berlusconi's party to form a new political grouping, creating a schism in Italy's center-right that raised fresh questions about the stability of the government.

Angelino Alfano, currently interior minister and deputy premier, told colleagues Friday that his "New Center-Right" party would continue to support Berlusconi, the LaPresse news agency reported. But Alfano said he couldn't agree to join Berlusconi's Forza Italia party, which is due to be formally re-launched on

Saturday.

Alfano could count on 37 senators and 23 lawmakers in the lower Chamber of Deputies for his new party, one of the breakaway senators, Roberto Formigoni, told the La 7 network.

Their refusal to join Forza Italia marked a formal schism in Italy's center-right that has been in the works ever since Berlusconi was forced to back down on his threat to topple Premier Enrico Letta's government.

Berlusconi had to do an about-face on Oct. 2 after key loyalists like Alfano refused to back him in his threat. Transport minister Maurizio Lupi told reporters after a late-night meeting Friday of members of Berlusconi's camp that the de-

cision to split was taken with "great suffering" but that the lawmakers couldn't participate in a Forza Italia of "extremists."

Berlusconi's camp has been deeply divided between hawks and doves ever since Italy's high court confirmed his tax fraud conviction in August. The hawks had backed Berlus-

coni in trying to bring down Letta's government over moves by the Senate to kick him out of the upper chamber as a result of the conviction.

In the end, the doves won out and Berlusconi was forced to back Letta's government in a confidence vote. But after weeks of negotiation, the two sides

were unable keep the movement united under one party, Lupi said.

The implications of the split on Letta's government weren't immediately clear. Letta, a member of the center-left Democratic Party, formed his hybrid right-left government after inconclusive elections in February. □

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## Philippines:

### For some, rescues must wait as bodies are removed

Austin Ramzy

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TACLOBAN, the Philippines - On a shoreline that was once an entertainment destination in this city, a group of scavengers sorted through piles of debris for anything useful - a rusted drum that might have gasoline, lumber to rebuild their homes, an undamaged fishing net.

Alongside, a team of volunteers from the Philippine Red Cross searched for bodies, a task that has consumed much of aid workers' time, even as thousands of residents remain hungry and homeless here. They had arrived Thursday after a five-day voyage on a Philippine navy ship from Cavite City that was rerouted to Cebu out of fears that another storm would follow the devastating Typhoon Haiyan.

The group had originally planned to arrive Sunday on a C-130 from Manila, but had to give way to officials who were flying to Tacloban to survey the damage, according to three of the volunteers.

"So what was supposed to be a rescue operation became a retrieval operation," said Florabel Fumar, one of the volunteers.

The mayor of Tacloban City, Alfred S. Romualdez, said Friday that the city had 801 confirmed dead.

In a sign of the inability of officials to get a handle on even basic information about the disaster one week after the typhoon hit here, Romualdez apologized for a figure of 2,000 dead that was released Thursday, which he said

was "speculation for the entire region."

The United Nations has also had trouble reporting on the total death toll for the disaster, with its Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs reporting 3,600 deaths Friday, a day after saying there had been 4,460. John Ging, the

which is supposed to be 6 pounds of rice and some canned goods for each family, was expected to be completed Friday.

Some stalls have begun to sell fresh meat and two or three gas stations have opened in this city, which had a population of 220,000 before the storm.

the overwhelming tasks facing aid and rescue workers here. They face huge obstacles just getting here and bringing in supplies.

Access to the neighborhoods of Tacloban and surrounding villages is snarled by roads that are damaged, flooded and



Crewmen from the USS George Washington load relief supplies for air drops to villages isolated by last week's typhoon at Tacloban City airport, Leyte province in central Philippines, Friday Nov. 15, 2013. The Philippines has received an outpouring of international aid running into hundreds of millions of dollars but much of it has been stuck in a bottleneck outside the affected areas.

(AP Photo/Bullit Marquez)

office's operations director, apologized Friday for the discrepancy, saying the higher number was an estimate and not actual confirmed deaths.

In Tacloban, the dead are being taken to a mass grave in a public cemetery on the outskirts of the city. Romualdez said just 10-15 percent of the dead had been identified.

He said the delivery of the first cycle of food packets,

Romualdez estimated that 30 percent to 40 percent of the population has since left.

On Friday afternoon, the city will begin constructing a tent city outside an indoor stadium where hundreds have been staying since the storm, Romualdez said. He expected the tent city to eventually house 1,000 to 2,000 people.

The experience of the Red Cross volunteers highlights

filled with mud and debris. Security worries continue, though Romualdez said Friday that he thought order was returning.

The continuing demands for every human necessity - clothing, food, water, shelter, security, sanitation - have left aid workers pulled in all directions. Some of those who came here in hopes of saving people are now faced with clearing up dead bodies. □

## Militias attack Libya protesters killing dozens

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TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Libyan militiamen opened fire Friday on white-flag-waving protesters demanding their disbandment, killing at least 31 people and wounding more than 200 in a barrage of heavy machine gun and rocket-propelled grenade fire.

Libyan Prime Minister Ali Zidan blamed the protesters and the militia alike for the violence, though witnesses said they saw no protesters carrying weapons ahead of the shooting Friday afternoon. By Friday night, however, some protesters joined by other militias had armed themselves and heavy gunfire rang out in the Tripoli neighborhood where the attack happened.

Armed groups set up checkpoints across the Libyan capital, hoping to stop other militias from entering the city. Ambulance sirens wailed into the night.

The march in Tripoli by thousands of protesters was the biggest show of public anger at militias in months. Since the 2011 fall of dictator Moammar Gadhafi, hundreds of militias — many of them on government payroll — have run out of control in Libya, carving out zones of power, defying state authority and launching violent attacks.

The protesters marched from a downtown mosque to a neighborhood called Gharghour, home to the headquarters of a militia originally from the city of Misrata that has a powerful presence in Tripoli.



# China promises market opening in economic reform plan

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BEIJING (AP) — China's leaders pledged Friday to open state-dominated industries wider to private

my. The changes promised in a report issued following a closely watched Communist Party conference could be China's most

na's economic boom. Chinese leaders are trying to replace a growth model based on exports and investment that has run out of steam after delivering

the ruling party's claim to power, if industries from energy to telecoms to banking that are controlled by state companies are not opened to competition. Friday's report pledged to ease barriers to more dynamic private competitors, though the ruling party re-affirmed that state-owned industry is considered the core of the economy.

before the meeting," said UBS economist Tao Wang. "Of course, the implications for the economy and for the market depend crucially on the implementation."

The "third plenum" meeting of the ruling party's 205-member Central Committee offered a platform for President Xi Jinping, who became party leader last year, to promote his own vision for the world's second-largest economy. Such meetings at this point in the party's five-year political cycle are seen as a launching pad for changes in economic direction after Deng Xiaoping used a third plenum in 1978 to unveil his reforms.

Before the meeting, communist leaders raised hopes and the political stakes by promising "unprecedented" reforms. They then left companies and financial markets hanging by wrapping up their meeting Tuesday with a brief statement that promised change but gave no details, prompting fears they had succumbed to political deadlock. □



Chinese policemen guard the entrance to the Zhongnanhai leadership compound near the Chinese characters for "Long live the Chinese Communist Party" in Beijing. China's leaders pledged Friday to open state-dominated industries wider to private competition and ease limits on foreign investment to help rejuvenating a slowing economy.

(AP Photo/Ng Han Guan)

competition and ease limits on foreign investment in e-commerce and other businesses in a sweeping reform plan aimed at rejuvenating a slowing econo-

significant economic overhaul in at least two decades. State media have compared the effort to market-style reforms in 1978 that launched Chi-

three decades of rapid growth. Reform advocates say economic growth rates will plunge, undermining

## Russia's Gazprom reassures West Europe on gas supplies

MOSCOW (AP) — Ukraine is once again buying Russian gas and no longer endangering supplies to Western Europe, Russia's state natural gas company said Friday.

Most of the gas that Gazprom supplies to Europe goes through pipelines that cross Ukraine. Ukraine, which Gazprom says owes it \$1.3 billion, a week ago stopped buying Russian gas and said it would rely on its underground stores through the end of the year.

Gazprom warned on Thursday that this would deplete the amount of so-called technical gas needed to drive the gas through the pipelines to Europe. This raised echoes of 2009, when Russia cut gas shipments to Europe for three weeks in a dispute with

Ukraine.

On Friday, Russian news agencies quoted Gazprom Chief Executive Alexei Miller as saying that Ukraine has resumed purchases of Russian gas and stopped taking gas from its underground stores.

Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev and his Ukrainian counterpart, Mykola Azarov, discussed the situation by telephone on Friday. A statement posted on the Ukrainian government website said they confirmed that each side would do everything necessary to make sure supplies to Europe were not disrupted.

The statement on the Russian government site said Medvedev impressed on the Ukrainian prime minister the necessity to pump sufficient gas. □



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# Eurozone ministers offer assurances on bank rescues

DAVID McHUGH

AP Business

**BRUSSELS (AP)** — European Union finance ministers vowed on Friday to make sure the region's banks have restructuring plans ready in case they flunk a key review of their finances. The European Central Bank is leading a yearlong review of the EU's largest banks to find and then either fix or weed out weak banks. The question is what to do in case the review finds a bank needs to raise more capital.

The ministers in Brussels said that they would make sure to have the banks prepare "specific and ambitious strategies."

They also said they would make sure that any restructuring favored using private money first — from investors or shareholders — rather than taxpayer funds. The statement said governments would have any new legislation needed to restructure a bank ready before the ECB review is complete.



German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble, center, speaks with Swedish Finance Minister Anders Borg, second left, and French Finance Minister Pierre Moscovici, right, during a meeting of EU finance ministers at the EU Council building in Brussels on Friday, Nov. 15, 2013. Officials from the 28 member countries meet Friday to narrow their differences on how to set up a new agency at the European Union level that could restructure failing banks and prevent their troubles from bankrupting individual countries through expensive bailouts.

(AP Photo/Virginia Mayo)

The ECB has pushed the finance ministers to make a clearer statement of their

willingness to step in and rescue banks if they are found to be in need of new capi-

tal. Top ECB official Joerg Asmussen had earlier said that the bank review would

lack credibility if there was not a willingness on the part of governments to act to help troubled banks.

With the ECB review, the EU is trying to improve on two earlier reviews made under another agency, the European Banking Authority, in 2009 and 2011. Those reviews, or stress tests, lost credibility after some banks that had been given the all-clear later needed bailouts. Fixing banks is seen as key to solving the debt problems afflicting the euro currency union and shoring up economic growth.

The ministers' statement repeated an earlier vague promise to have "national backstops" ready that didn't satisfy the ECB. It also went over a previously stated pecking order in case of bank losses: first, private money would be used to resolve the problem, and only then would governments use taxpayers' funds. Governments that could not afford the rescue could turn to the eurozone's bailout fund.

The finance ministers were also supposed to discuss how to create a centralized European agency that could order a bank anywhere in the region to be restructured or wound down. The agency would be backed by a fund that would be financed through a levy on banks.

Germany, the EU's biggest member, has said setting up the agency would require changing the basic EU treaty, which could take years, and said the EU instead should rely on a network of national bank rescue authorities.

The matter was expected to be contentious, and at one point, the ministers expected to work late into the night. In the end, Rimantas Sadzius, the Lithuanian finance minister who chaired the gathering, said he instructed a working group to look for a compromise, and the meeting broke up early. "My general impression is despite quite popular stereotypes there is no polarization among member states," Sadzius said. He said finding a satisfactory formula for creating the agency by the end of the year "should be done, and it can be done." □

## In first review, Italy and Spain get warnings

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**BRUSSELS** - The top European economics official warned Italy and Spain on Friday that they risked missing important debt and deficit targets in what was the first review of national budget plans for 13 countries in the eurozone. The announcement, by Olli Rehn, the European Union's commissioner for economics and monetary policy, is aimed at keeping tighter reins on national finances to stave off the kind of overspending that fed a crisis that nearly destroyed the euro.

The reviews are a new attempt by the European Commission, the executive arm of the European Union, to enforce rules on deficits that were flouted during the past decade by major states including Germany. That was widely seen as setting a bad example to countries like Greece with far more vulnerable economies.

"We have reached a turning point on the road to economic recovery, and today we reach a milestone in the implementation of Europe's strengthened economic governance," Rehn said in a statement. "Member states have given the commission the responsibility to issue these opinions, and I trust that they will thus be taken on board by national decision-makers."

The commission judged that the Italian draft budget "demonstrates limited progress" in meeting its earlier recommendations, and it warned that Italy might not hit its benchmark for reducing debt next year. The commission also ruled out giving Italy some extra leeway, because it "would not make the minimum structural adjustment" related to other economic indicators. In the case of Spain, the commission said its draft budget for 2014

was "at risk of noncompliance" because "the headline deficit target may be missed and the recommended improvement in the structural balance is currently not expected to be delivered." The French plan was "compliant with the rules of the Stability and Growth Pact, albeit with no margin," the commission said. The Netherlands received a similar warning. Even so, the commission did not invoke its powers to require Italy, Spain or any other country to revise their budget plans.

Under a separate procedure, the commission told Belgium, Spain, France, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland and Slovenia to correct excessive deficits. The power that the European Commission now wields over national budgets is significant. Member states must send their draft budget plans to Brussels at the same time they send them to national

parliaments. This year that deadline was Oct. 15.

But the verdicts issued Friday, and other opinions issued earlier this week by authorities in Brussels, showed little appetite for a full-blown fight with member states. Instead, the political priority appears to be to put more to focus on good news at a time when there are fears that optimism about a recovery from the crisis may be premature.

On Wednesday, Rehn warned 16 member countries to address problems with their economies. Germany's trade surplus and France's public spending were singled out as problem areas. In theory, countries that do not meet their goals could eventually be fined. But in practice, in that case, the commission has already decided to shy away from full-blown confrontations with member states by making the exercise more of an advisory one. □





## Successful presentation and seminar with Celebrity Chef Antonio Albertsz and Master Pastry Decorator Mrs. Mercedes Strachwsky



**ORANJESTAD** - Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino congratulates Celebrity Chef Antonio "Joselito" Albertsz together with guest Celebrity Chefs; Keith Esbin of Harbor Seafood, Luis Reyes of Sysco, Roberto Guerra of Patron Saint Pigs, Fernando Desa of Goya International and international Master Pastry Decorator Mrs. Mercedes Strachwsky for a tremendous presentation in Aruba. It was last Sunday that RLife LIVE presented this exclusive event on the pool deck of the Renaissance Marina Hotel. Besides giving a presentation the chefs also held a seminar for all those who are interested in cake decoration. During the presentation Chef Antonio "Joselito" Al-

bertsz received assistance from other executive chefs of the Renaissance Aruba and prepared some delicious Tapas, Fish Balls combined with the traditional 'Funchi' and a delightful seafood soup. The ArubaAriba cocktail which is made with Eristoff Vodka and Bacardi Rum was presented by Tropical Bottling Company received accolades during the night and was enjoyed by many. Master Pastry Decorator Mercedes Strachwsky gave an extraordinary presentation on cake decorating techniques and made some cupcakes which were decorated on the spot by the public together with Mrs. Mercedes Strachwsky.

In order to conclude a

successful visit, Mrs. Mercedes held a seminar last Monday where she shared techniques, decorating tips with Satin Ice rolled fondant. All participants were quite impressed with the seminar and received an opportunity to get autographs and take pictures with the pastry master. □





## Roger and Ruth are regular visitors at MooMba Beach

**PALM BEACH** - Roger and Ruth from Seekonk, Massachusetts, are very popular daily visitors at MooMba Beach. The couple has discovered Aruba and MooMba two years ago and they now fly down every year to relax from their stressful existence and busy times. Because of their daily visits to MooMba, the staff jumps into action as soon as Ruth and Roger are spotted in the distance: two ice-cold Amstel Bright beers are served and the kitchen re-

ceives a tuna sandwich order. Should no tuna be available, then the order changes into a Caesar salad with chicken and shrimp. Ruth and Roger are crazy about the fabulous MooMba girls, staffers Claudia, Karina, Yanika and Vanessa; they call them 'the best'! We can disclose here that their compliment is returned with lots of hugs and kisses. So come back tomorrow, Roger and Ruth, the girls are waiting for you! ☐



## Jen Porter is the new 'piano man' at popular The Sopranos Piano Bar!

**PALM BEACH** - A long list of fantastic musicians has pre-

ceded The Sopranos Piano Bar's new artist, Jen Porter,

but this gorgeous lady with her raucous, soulful voice is

something else entirely. She will let you dream away or keep you wide awake, depending on her songs. Jen has been compared to Sheryl Crow, Stevie Nicks and Janis Joplin, so one can't ask for much more than that. She has to be seen to be believed!

Born and raised in Chicago, Jen could sing before she could walk and she began playing the piano at the age of 5, turning to the guitar when she was in college. By now she has an impressive resume, with stints at The Cubby Bear, House of Blues Hotel and Hard Rock Café heading the list. Not only does this talented singer belt out songs from Alanis Morissette, Pink Floyd, Led Zepelin, Queen and Aretha Franklin, she also writes her own compositions. No surprise, therefore, that she recently released her fourth album already, titled Closer to the Surface.

Jen Porter, who has performed for audiences of over 200,000 people at the National Mall in Washington DC and can be seen on television, is a 'piano



**Jen Porter**

man' whose performance no one should miss. Therefore please come and watch her play and sing at The Sopranos Piano Bar in the Arawak Garden, where Wednesday night is Couples Night with \$ 4.- Heineken draft for the gentlemen and \$ 4.- champagne for the ladies, where Friday has a 2-for-1 Happy Hour from 5 - 8 pm, Saturday is Unplugged with Angelo from 8 pm until 11 followed by DJ PTR live on the mix and where a Daily Late Night 2-for-1 between 1 and 2 am keeps everyone more than a little bit happy! ☐



## To celebrate their 25th Anniversary: Classic Car Club Aruba autos on display at Alhambra Casino!



EAGLE BEACH - In 1988, Mr. Mirto De Kort and some friends, who are also classic cars lovers, get together to form a club of classic cars owners. On Sunday, December 11, 1988, it was decided to establish a classic cars organization under the name "Antique Car Club Aruba". When thinking further, the concept of the club was changed because of the

lack of classic cars on the island. Antique cars are defined as the ones made prior to World War II. Thus, the name was changed from Antique Classic Cars Aruba to Classic Car Club Aruba (CCCA). On December 11, 2013, Classic Car Club Aruba celebrates its 25th anniversary. Taking into consideration all the celebrations going on in December, CCCA decided to cel-

brate earlier in November. It will be easier than to transport the cars from one island to the other. During the weekend of November 14-17, CCCA will celebrate its 25th anniversary, where we will be hosting our colleagues from WABI Club Curacao. We will share lots

ing a Ford Mustang 1966 (CCCA), a Ford Edsel Pacer Convertible 1958 (CCCA), a Chevrolet Deluxe Hardtop 1950 (CCCA), Lincoln Towncar 1978 (CCCA), Chevrolet Bel Air Hardtop 1955 (CCCA), Ford Model A 1930 (WABI), For Highboy Coupe 1933 (WABI), Pax-



opportunity to see these classic cars from CCCA and WABI. With successful showings and events having taken place for the past two days, today, Saturday, November 16th, the cars will take off from Monte Calvario Chapel in Tanki Leendert and ride to Valero Esso Ville, where they will be displayed, then they will go to Linear Park Oranjestad, hoping to arrive at around 4.30pm. There will be plenty of opportunity to see all these classic cars. And then on Sunday November 17th, the final display will take place in the parking lot of the Alhambra Casino from 2pm to 6pm. During this showing the bar will have special prices, and The Cove will also be open at 12-noon. We invite all classic car lovers and the entire Aruban community to join us for these events. □

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## Chiefs, Manning find some solid answers on Sunday

The Associated Press

The Kansas City Chiefs are the NFL's worst undefeated team. Peyton Manning is the league's most vulnerable 300-yards-a-game quarterback. It's not often that so many doubts hover over teams and players who are so good.

Some of the questions will be resolved on Sunday when the Chiefs, at 9-0, and AFC division rivals the Denver Broncos, 8-1, meet in a matchup of teams with the best records this deep into the season since the NFL merger in 1970. But not all the questions. Because they meet again in two weeks.

"The NFL has a system in place to find out who's the best," said Chiefs quarterback Alex Smith, who has fielded repeated questions about the softness of Kansas City's schedule through nine games. "The speculation of nine weeks in, who's the best team, for me, it's kind of pointless.

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Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning, right, is sacked by San Diego Chargers outside linebacker Larry English in the second quarter of an NFL football game on Sunday Nov. 10, 2013, in San Diego.

Associated Press



In this Aug. 29, 2013, file photo, Pittsburgh Pirates' Andrew McCutchen looks to the dugout after sliding into third with a triple off Milwaukee Brewers starting pitcher Yovani Gallardo during a baseball game in Pittsburgh.

Associated Press

**BEN WALKER**  
AP Baseball Writer  
NEW YORK (AP) — Pitts-

burgh Pirates center fielder Andrew McCutchen and Detroit Tigers slug-

## McCutchen wins NL MVP, Cabrera takes AL award

ger Miguel Cabrera both coasted Thursday to Most Valuable Player awards. McCutchen won the National League honor by a surprisingly wide margin after leading a baseball revival in Pittsburgh. He drew 28 of the 30 first-place votes from members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Seated in a sweater and tie, a smiling McCutchen juked a sort of stationary shimmy when his name was

announced on MLB Network. "If I could get up and dance right now I would, but I don't have much room to do that," he said. "When I get off camera, I probably will." Cabrera took the American League prize for the second straight year, once again winning by a comfortable gap over Angels outfielder Mike Trout. A season after posting the majors' first Triple Crown in 45 years, Cabrera came

back to lead baseball in hitting at .348 and finish second with 44 home runs and 137 RBIs. Cabrera got 23 of 30 first-place votes, becoming the first player to win consecutive AL MVPs since Frank Thomas for the Chicago White Sox in 1993 and 1994. "This is unbelievable," Cabrera said, young kids buzzing around him. "I'm so excited right now."

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## NFL Roundup

# Colts rally from 14-down, beat Titans 30-27

**TERESA M. WALKER**

**AP Sports Writer**

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** — Donald Brown ran for two touchdowns and Andrew Luck added another as the Indianapolis Colts rallied yet again, this time beating the Tennessee Titans 30-27 on Thursday after trailing 14-0 in the first quarter.

Adam Vinatieri kicked three field goals, including a 50-yarder, and Coby Fleener had a career-high eight catches for 107 yards to help the Colts (7-3) bounce back quite nicely from a 38-8 home loss to St. Louis. They have yet to lose back-to-back games under coach Chuck Pagano and are 8-0 coming off a loss.

"Obviously, starting out like that is something we're all too familiar with," Fleener said. "That's something we have to work and get corrected."

The Colts are back in charge of the American Football Conference South too, now having beaten all three divisional opponents on the road.

The Titans (4-6) lost their second straight and fifth in six games, blowing the big lead. Chris Johnson ran for two touchdowns and 70 yards in the first quarter, but had only 16 yards after that.

Ryan Fitzpatrick drove the Titans 80 yards in four plays, capping the drive with a

19-yard TD pass to Delanie Walker with 1:54 left. But the Titans, just like they did in becoming the first team to lose to Jacksonville this season on Sunday, couldn't execute an on-side kick with the ball not even covering 10 yards before Colts linebacker Pat Angerer covered it up.

The Colts had the ball less than 6 minutes in the first quarter and wound up holding the ball more than 32:23. They also outgained the Titans 366-340 after Tennessee opened with a 148-4 edge in total offense with its quick start.

Indianapolis sealed the victory with an 11-play drive capped by Brown with an 11-yard TD with 3:01 left. That was the Colts' fourth drive of 11 plays or more. Luck finished 23 of 36 for 232 yards passing.

The Titans came out with the start they only wish they had Sunday losing to Jacksonville 29-27. Ryan Fitzpatrick did not turn the ball over once replacing Jake Locker, who's out the rest of the season with a Lisfrac injury to his right foot.

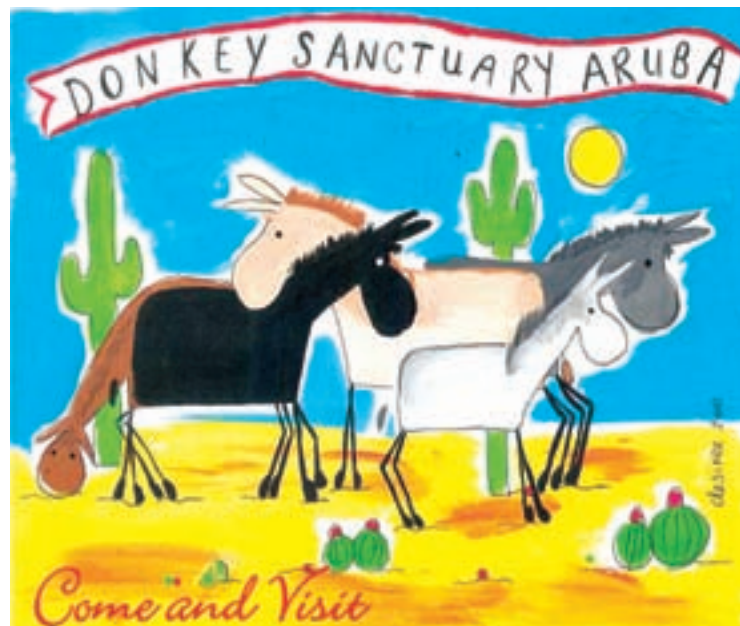
The Titans were up 17-6 at halftime and looked to be in control as the Colts had a mini-meltdown with three personal fouls including linebacker Erik Walden head-butting Delanie Walker after ripping the helmet off the Titans tight end.

The Colts won their fourth straight and for the ninth time in 10 games over their divisional rival with Vinatieri's 30-yard field goal as the first half expired helping settle the Colts down. That was the first of 20 straight points as they dominated in the third quarter holding the ball for more than 11 minutes in taking a 23-17 lead.

They opened the third quarter with an 11-play drive where Luck completed all five of his passes for 42 yards, including two on third down. Brown capped the drive with a 7-yard TD. □



Indianapolis Colts quarterback Andrew Luck (12) scores a touchdown on an 11-yard run as Tennessee Titans defensive end Derrick Morgan (91) chases him during the third quarter of an NFL football game Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013, in Nashville, Tenn. Associated Press



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## NBA Roundup

# Harden, Rockets withstand Anthony's 45, top Knicks

NEW YORK (AP) — Houston's James Harden scored 36 points in his return to the lineup, guiding the Rockets to a 109-106 win over the New York Knicks on Thursday, and giving teammate Jeremy Lin another winning night at Madison Square Garden.

In the day's other game, Carmelo Anthony.

Anthony had the highest-scoring game in the NBA this season and grabbed 10 rebounds, but it wasn't enough for the Knicks in their fourth straight home loss. Chandler Parsons added 22 points and Lin had 21 for the Rockets, who beat the Knicks for the eighth straight time even on a quiet night from Dwight Howard, largely outplayed by Andrea Bargnani. Howard had just seven points with his 15 rebounds, though he did make a pair

of free throws with 1:15 left that gave Houston a five-point lead.

Golden State 116, Oklahoma City 115 In Oakland, Iguodala made the clutch shot that gave the Warriors a thrilling win.

Russell Westbrook's 3-pointer with 2.3 seconds remaining put the Thunder ahead after they trailed by 14 points early in the fourth quarter. Warriors coach Mark Jackson called a timeout to regroup, and power forward David Lee inbounded the ball from near half court.

Iguodala caught the ball and extended over Thabo Sefolosha for the winning shot, sending the announced sellout crowd of 19,596 into a frenzy. He sprinted toward half court and was mobbed by teammates.



New York Knicks' Carmelo Anthony (7) shoots over Houston Rockets' Greg Smith during the first half of an NBA basketball game Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013, in New York. Smith was hurt on the play.

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# U.S., Scotland play to 0-0 draw in friendly

The Associated Press

The United States was held to an unimpressive 0-0 draw by Scotland in a friendly on Friday, although the Americans had several good scoring chances in the final minutes.

Substitutes Aron Johansson and Brek Shea gave the Americans a spark in the second half after they were held in check for the first 45 minutes.

It was the first game for the U.S. since completing qualifying for the 2014 World Cup in Brazil. The Americans, ranked 13th in the world after winning CON-

CACAF qualifying, finishes their 2013 schedule Tuesday at Austria.

Scotland, ranked 35th, did not qualify for Brazil.

Johansson, whose goal beat Panama in the last match of qualifying, was part of two late threats. In the 83rd, with Jozy Altidore keeping the ball alive in front of the Scotland net, Johansson pounced on the left side. Goalkeeper David Marshall made a diving stop. Two minutes later, Shea broke down the left wing and fed Johansson, whose left-footed shot went just wide.

Beyond that and several misses by Altidore, there wasn't much to the American attack. Still, Tim Howard got his 34th career clean sheet for the national team.

The Americans were sloppy throughout the first half, which Scotland controlled until the final minutes. Even when the U.S. was presented with a scoring chance in the 43rd minute, Altidore misplayed a pass in the box and never got off a shot.

The Scots, who twice beat Croatia in World Cup qualifying, established a slow tempo that suited them.



Scotland's captain Scott Brown, left, vies for the ball with United States' Sacha Kljestan, right, during their international soccer match at Hampden Park, Glasgow, Scotland, Friday Nov. 15, 2013.

Associated Press

Rarely did the visitors attack early on, and even when the Scots had some opportunities, they weren't particularly good ones. Craig Conway had the

best chance in the 36th from close range after being set up by Steven Fletcher. But Conway's right-footed shot went wide of Howard's net. □

## Cabrera

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McCutchen ranked among the NL leaders by hitting .317 with 21 home runs and 84 RBIs. He also scored 97 runs, stole 27 bases and had a .404 on-base percentage.

The 27-year-old with the long, flowing dreadlocks helped the Pirates stop a record streak of 20 losing seasons and make the playoffs for the first time since 1992.

McCutchen, third in MVP balloting last season, got 409 points. Arizona first baseman Paul Goldschmidt finished second with 242, while St. Louis catcher Yadier Molina received the other two first-place votes and came in third.

Goldschmidt hit .302 with 36 homers and 125 RBIs. Molina batted .319 with 12 homers and 80 RBIs, and virtually shut down op-



In this July 13, 2013, photo, Detroit Tigers third baseman Miguel Cabrera smiles in the dugout before a baseball game against the Texas Rangers in Detroit.

Associated Press

ponents' running games. Molina and Goldschmidt each won a Gold Glove, too.

McCutchen's win came two days after Pirates manager Clint Hurdle was picked as the NL Manager of the Year. McCutchen was the first Pittsburgh

player to win the MVP since Barry Bonds in 1992.

The Pirates went 94-68 this year, a season after going 79-83. Along the way, McCutchen became the face of the franchise and heard loud "MVP!" chants when he would step to the plate at PNC Park this sum-

mer.

"I'd lie to you if I said it didn't enter my mind ever," he said. "It's awesome to hear something like that." Pittsburgh beat Cincinnati in the NL wild-card game, then lost to St. Louis in a division series that went the full five games.

Boston wound up beating St. Louis in the World Series. No one on the Red Sox or Cardinals won any of the major BBWAA awards.

Trout got five first-place votes and came in second, 103 points behind Cabrera. The difference was 81 points last season, when Trout was AL Rookie of the Year.

Baltimore first baseman Chris Davis, who led the majors with 53 homers and 138 RBIs, was third. Davis and Oakland third baseman Josh Donaldson each received a first-place vote. Cabrera took his third AL batting title in a row.

He also drew a \$1 million bonus for winning a second MVP during his current

contract with the Tigers.

"I was so nervous because it was a great competition," he said.

The 30-year-old third baseman from Venezuela also captured the AL MVP last year when he hit .330 with 44 homers and 139 RBIs. Cabrera topped Trout 22-6 in first-place votes in that balloting.

Trout hit .323 with 27 homers and 97 RBIs this year, stole 33 bases and led the AL in runs and walks.

The Tigers have virtually owned the major postseason awards during a three-year run of success. Justin Verlander was the MVP and Cy Young winner in 2011.

Cabrera took the MVP last season and Detroit ace Max Scherzer won this year's Cy Young Award on Wednesday.

Cabrera clearly was baseball's most dominant hitter for most of the season as the Tigers won their third straight AL Central crown. □



# Lightning cruise past Ducks 5-1 as leaders clash

The Associated Press  
TAMPA, Florida (AP) — Valtteri Filppula had two goals and an assist, goalie Ben Bishop won his 13th game this season and the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Anaheim Ducks 5-1 in a matchup of conference leaders Thursday night.

Martin St. Louis added a goal and two assists for the Lightning, who played their first home game and second overall — both victories — without star Steven Stamkos. The center, out indefinitely after breaking his right leg Monday, had surgery Tuesday in Boston and returned to Florida on Thursday.

Alex Killorn and Victor Hedman had the other Tampa Bay goals.

Emerson Etem scored for the Ducks, who lost 3-2 on Tuesday night to lowly Florida.

Anaheim captain Ryan Getzlaf missed his third game with an upper-body injury, but coach Bruce Boudreau said the center could return Friday at Carolina or Monday against Pittsburgh.

## STARS 7, FLAMES 3

**CALGARY, Alberta (AP)** — Tyler Seguin scored four goals and Jamie Benn had a career-high six points to lead Dallas over slumping Calgary.



Tampa Bay Lightning center Valtteri Filppula (51), of Finland, celebrates with teammates right wing Teddy Purcell (16) and right wing J.T. Brown (23) after his goal against the Anaheim Ducks during the first period of an NHL hockey game on Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013, in Tampa, Fla.

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Benn had a goal and five assists. Stephane Robidas and Ryan Garbutt also scored for the Stars, who have won five of six and reeled off five straight road victories. Alex Goligoski had three assists.

Dallas scored four consec-

utive goals in the second period to hand the Flames their fifth loss in a row.

It was Seguin's first career four-goal game.

Matt Stajan had two goals and David Jones also scored for Calgary.

Kari Lehtonen, starting his 11th game in a row and on consecutive nights after shutting out Edmonton, made 25 saves in improving to 9-3-2.

## BLACKHAWKS 5, COYOTES 4, SO

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Jonathan Toews and rookie Brandon Pirri scored in a four-round shootout to help Chicago beat Phoenix for its fourth straight win. Radim Vrbata had the lone shootout goal for Phoenix, 7-1-1 in its last nine games. Pirri tied the score 4-all 3 minutes into the third when he connected on a midair deflection of Brent Seabrook's drive from the top of the circle.

Brandon Saad, Patrick Sharp and Marian Hossa also scored in regulation for the Blackhawks, who extended their point streak to eight games (7-0-1). Chi-

cago fired a season-high 52 shots through overtime at Coyotes goalie Mike Smith.

Phoenix defenseman Michael Stone scored twice for the first time in his career as the Coyotes overcame an early two-goal deficit to earn a point.

Shane Doan and Lauri Korpikoski also scored for Phoenix. At 13-4-3, the Coyotes are off to their best start since 1998-99 when they were 15-3-2 after 20 games.

## BLUES 7, AVALANCHE 3

**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — Alexander Steen scored his league-leading 15th and 16th goals, and St. Louis' slumping power play woke up with three goals against Colorado.

St. Louis has won seven of nine and is off to the fastest start in franchise history with 12 wins in its first 17 games. Colorado lost back-to-back games for the first time this season.

Derek Roy, David Backes, Vladimir Tarasenko, Chris Stewart and Jay Bouwmeester also scored for the Blues, who have won their last five home meetings with the Avalanche. T.J. Oshie added four assists for the first four-point game of his career.

Steen has a point in 12 successive games, a career high. St. Louis goalie Jaroslav Halak improved to 10-2-2.

Nathan MacKinnon, Matt Duchene and Ryan O'Reilly scored for Colorado.

Avalanche goalie Jean-Sebastien Giguere lost for the first time this season after winning his first five starts. He was pulled in the second period after allowing three goals on 14 shots, but re-entered at the start of the third.

**SHARKS 2, CANUCKS 1, OT VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP)** — Dan Boyle scored a power-play goal at 2:38 of overtime to give San Jose a victory over Vancouver.

Henrik Sedin was in the penalty box when Boyle's shot from the slot stood after a video review.

Tomas Hertl tied it with 65 seconds left in regulation

and Antti Niemi made 34 saves for the Sharks (12-2-5), who had dropped five of six.

Roberto Luongo made 28 saves and Kevin Bieksa scored his first goal of the season for Vancouver.

In a scheduling quirk, it was the final meeting of the regular season between the Canucks and Sharks even though both are in the Pacific Division.

San Jose has won 10 of 11 against the Canucks dating to last season. The Sharks swept Vancouver four straight in the first round of last season's playoffs.

## BRUINS 3, BLUE JACKETS 2, OT

**BOSTON (AP)** — Milan Lucic scored on a breakaway 4:11 into overtime to lift Boston over Columbus. Lucic blocked Cam Atkinson's shot just inside the blue line and the puck took a big bounce toward the Columbus end with nobody between Lucic and Blue Jackets goalie Sergei Bobrovsky. Lucic corralled the puck and poked a shot between Bobrovsky's pads.

Loui Eriksson and Shawn Thornton also scored for the Bruins. Chad Johnson stopped 32 shots while playing for just the third time this season with starter Tuukka Rask getting a night off. Bobrovsky made 28 saves for the Blue Jackets, who got goals from Blake Comeau and Nick Foligno.

## KINGS 3, ISLANDERS 2

**UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP)** — Tyler Toffoli deflected in the winning goal with 1:27 left and Los Angeles stunned New York by scoring three times in the third period.

Toffoli, who has a five-game point streak, tipped in Jake Muzzin's drive past surprised goalie Kevin Poulin to cap the comeback. Tanner Pearson tied it 2-all with 7:45 left with a power-play goal in his first NHL regular-season game. Slava Voynov started the turnaround for the Kings at 5:34 of the third.

That made a winner of backup Ben Scrivens, who had 23 saves in place of injured Jonathan Quick. □

# AP source: A-Rod interview with MLB called off

## AP Sports Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Alex Rodriguez's scheduled investigatory interview with Major League Baseball has been called off because the New York Yankees third baseman is feeling ill, according to a person familiar with the process.

Rodriguez is in California with flu-like systems and was unable to fly to New York for Friday's session, the person said, speaking on condition of anonymity because no statements

were authorized.

Rodriguez was suspended for 211 games by MLB on Aug. 5 for alleged violations of the sport's drug agreement and labor contract, and the players' association filed a grievance to overturn the penalty. The case, being heard by arbitrator Fredric Horowitz, is scheduled to resume Monday. A-Rod hopes to be able to travel in time to attend Monday's session, the person said Thursday night. □



## NFL Preview

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Who cares? I want to be the best team come February."

The buzz about Manning's record-pace of 3,249 yards and 33 touchdowns this season has been replaced this week by concerns over his ankles. They have been bugging him for about a month now and became worse when a San Diego Chargers lineman dived at them at the end of last week's game.

The Broncos need to protect him from the league's top sacks defense; linebackers Justin Houston (11) and Tamba Hali (9) have combined for 20 of Kansas City's 36 sacks. The Chiefs also lead the league with 23 turnovers.

In a matchup between top offense and top defense, who usually wins?

"Well, the NFL definitely made it harder for a really good defense in this league, but you have to play the game to find that out," Broncos cornerback Champ Bailey said.

With Seattle leading the NFC, the New Orleans Saints and San Francisco 49ers want to avoid for as long as possible going to the Seahawks in the playoffs. So they will do everything possible to line up behind Seattle should the Seahawks stumble.

The Saints are in much better shape in that regard because the Niners have



Kansas City Chiefs cornerback Sean Smith (27) intercepts a pass intended for Buffalo Bills wide receiver T.J. Graham (11) who is tackled by Kansas City Chiefs cornerback Marcus Cooper (31) in the endzone and returns it for a touchdown during the third quarter of an NFL football game in Orchard Park, N.Y., Sunday, Nov. 3, 2013.

Associated Press

to travel this weekend to the Big Easy, one hard place to play.

"You can definitely see offensively they are machine-like and really have things going and oiled up," 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh said. "Same defensively, they are doing a very good job of getting stops, getting turnovers and creating negative plays."

After blowing out Dallas, the Saints know the chore will be more difficult

against the defending NFC champs, who have one of the league's most physical and versatile defenses.

"As good as they've ever been," Saints quarterback Drew Brees said. "There's an expectation level every time you play those guys. They're extremely disciplined."

Saints safety Malcolm Jenkins has a hard time buying the criticism 49ers passer Colin Kaepernick has drawn for his recent spate

of sacks and risky throws.

"Last year this guy took his team to the Super Bowl, and now basically everybody's expecting him to be that guy and be this phenomenal player, and it doesn't happen like that every week," Jenkins said. "At any point in time, I know he can turn it on."

Now in his second season, Kaepernick is coming off one of the worst games of his young career, accumulating only 91 yards passing,

throwing an interception and taking six sacks in a 10-9 loss at home to Carolina.

Also on Sunday, Minnesota is at Seattle, Baltimore at Chicago, Cleveland at Cincinnati, Detroit at Pittsburgh, Washington at Philadelphia, Oakland at Houston, the New York Jets at Buffalo, Green Bay at the New York Giants, Arizona at Jacksonville, San Diego at Miami, and Atlanta at Tampa Bay. □

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# US stock markets push through latest record highs

**STEVE ROTHWELL**  
**AP Markets Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Investors stayed upbeat Friday, pushing U.S. stock indexes deeper into record territory. Stocks climbed to all-time highs for the third straight day as investors assessed

the prospect for further economic stimulus from the Federal Reserve. Agilent Technologies, which makes scientific instruments, was the biggest gainer in the Standard & Poor's 500 index after reporting earnings that exceeded analysts' expecta-

tions. Exxon Mobil rose after billionaire Warren Buffett's company disclosed late Thursday that it had taken a stake in the oil company. The S&P 500 has advanced for six straight weeks, part of an impressive rise this year. The index is up 26.1 percent so far. If it ends 2013 with a

gain that big it would be the best performance in a decade. Several factors have been driving the market higher this year. The Federal Reserve has kept up its extraordinary efforts to stimulate the economy. And while the U.S. economy's recovery has been plodding, it has been strong enough to enable corporations to keep increasing their profits. "It's bland, it's vanilla, but it's sweet," said John Manley, chief equity strategist at Wells Fargo Fund Management. Despite the surge, stock prices remain reasonable compared with earnings, Manley said. Stock valuations are "not cheap, but they're not prohibitive," he said. The ratio of stock prices to forecast earnings for S&P 500 companies is currently 15, according to data from FactSet. That's slightly below the average ratio of

16.2 over the last 15 years and far below the peak of 25 recorded in the late 1990s and early 2000s. The S&P 500 added 7.56 points, or 0.4 percent, to 1,798.18. All 10 of the industry groups in the S&P 500 rose. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 85.48 points, or 0.5 percent, to 15,961.70. The Nasdaq composite rose 13.23 points, or 0.3 percent, to 3,985.97. Agilent jumped \$4.39, or 8.7 percent, to \$54.93. Exxon Mobil, a member of the Dow, rose \$2.05, or 2.2 percent, to \$95.27. Investors may be getting more comfortable with the prospect of the Fed cutting back on its stimulus as long as the economy is also improving, said Jim Dunigan, a managing executive at PNC Wealth Management. The stock market's biggest setbacks this year have come when investors worried that Fed policy makers were close to paring their \$85 billion per month in bond purchases, which are intended to keep interest rates low. "The path of least resistance (for stocks) seems to be higher right now," Dunigan said. In government bond trading, the yield on the 10-year note rose to 2.71 percent from 2.70 percent from Thursday. Oil was flat at \$93.71 a barrel. Gold rose \$1.10 to \$1,287.40 an ounce. Among other stocks making big moves: — Zulily surged in its first day as a publicly traded company. The Seattle-based online retailer of baby products jumped \$15.70, or 71 percent, to \$37.70. — Vanda Pharmaceuticals soared \$1.55, or 12 percent, to \$14.59 after FDA advisers recommended approval for the company's potential sleep disorder drug tasimelteon. — Western Union fell 75 cents, or 4.3 percent, to \$16.70 after the money-transfer company said late Thursday that its longtime chief financial officer would step down.



**Traders Gregory Rowe, left, and Richard Newman confer on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Investors stayed upbeat Friday, pushing U.S. stock indexes deeper into record territory. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)**

## New American Airlines will be listed on Nasdaq

**DAVID KOENIG**  
**AP Airlines Writer**

**DALLAS (AP)** — American Airlines says it will list its shares on the Nasdaq Stock Market under the ticker symbol "AAL" after completing a merger with US Airways and forming the world's biggest airline. American's parent, AMR Corp., had been listed on the New York Stock Exchange as "AMR" until the shares were removed shortly after the company filed for bankruptcy protection in November 2011. They are currently available only over the counter under the symbol "AAMRQ." Tom Horton, the CEO of AMR, said the Nasdaq "offers a most advanced trading platform driven by innovation and efficiency." Shares of AMR and US Airways Group Inc. will be canceled and exchanged for stock in the new American Airlines Group Inc., which will be based in AMR's home in Fort Worth, Texas. AMR creditors, bondholders and share-

holders will get 72 percent of the new company, and US Airways shareholders will get the other 28 percent. At Friday's stock prices, the new company would have a market value of more than \$16.6 billion. Shares of the largest U.S. airline companies — Unit-

for JetBlue Airways Corp., Spirit Airlines Inc. and Allegiant Travel Co., which operates Allegiant Air. American and US Airways did not immediately provide more information about their choice of stock market. According to American's website, the

proved a reorganization plan with a holding-company format. Leslie Pfrang with Class V Group, which helps companies with strategic planning including stock-exchange listings, said the Nasdaq likely offered a lower listing fee, more services and the image of a fresh start for the new company. "They're trying to rebrand themselves," she said of the airlines. "The Nasdaq has a growthy, tech, emerging-company brand image." American and US Airways announced their proposed merger in February. It was expected to close in late summer until the U.S. Justice Department sued to block the deal, claiming that it would limit competition and raise prices. On Tuesday, the airlines and the government announced a settlement in which the carriers agreed to give up some of their takeoff and landing rights and gates at several big airports, principally Washington's Reagan National.



**An American Airlines plane and a US Airways plane are parked at Washington's Ronald Reagan National Airport. American Airlines says it will list its shares on the Nasdaq Stock Market under the ticker symbol "AAL" after completing a merger with US Airways and forming the world's biggest airline. (AP Photo/Susan Walsh)**

ed Continental Holdings Inc., Delta Air Lines Inc., Southwest Airlines Co. and US Airways — trade on the NYSE. The Nasdaq is home

airline's stock began trading on the NYSE on June 10, 1939. AMR didn't come into existence until 1982, when shareholders ap-



## Forbes says it is for sale

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Forbes Media, which publishes Forbes magazine and has been making an extensive push into digital media and native advertising, is up for sale, the company confirmed in an email to the staff Friday morning.

In the email, Mike Perlis, the chief executive of Forbes Media and the first non-family member to run the 96-year-old business title, wrote, "We have received more than a few 'over the transom' indications of interest to buy Forbes Media." He added: "The frequency and serious nature of these overtures have brought us to a decision point. Perlis told employees that Forbes had hired Deutsche Bank to represent the company in the sale and that "we expect interest from numerous suitors." One person with knowledge of the process said Forbes Media was expecting to generate at least \$400 million in the sale. Forbes, which used to be one of the most powerful news brands in business journalism, hired Perlis in December 2010 to help restructure the company after Steve Forbes' two presidential campaigns and the industry-wide shift to digital media wiped out much of the family's fortune.

During his tenure, Perlis helped turn the company around by building out a contributor network of 1,200 bloggers and embracing native advertising, which involves using journalists to create marketing material. He also tried to build out other revenue streams, like doubling the number of Forbes conferences and licensing its contributor network software. These moves have helped Forbes Media attract attention from media executives on the business side and has had its top talent poached by other news organizations, including The New York Times and The Washington Post. □

## US wholesalers boost stockpiles for 3rd month

**C. S. RUGABER**  
**AP Economics Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — U.S. wholesalers increased their stockpiles in September for the third straight month, an indication that they expect more demand from businesses and consumers. Wholesale stockpiles rose a seasonally adjusted 0.4 percent, the Labor Department said Friday. That follows an increase of 0.8 percent in the previous month. August's increase was the highest in seven months. Sales at wholesale businesses rose 0.6 percent in

September, up from 0.4 percent in August.

Stockpiles of computer equipment and machinery increased. Inventories of consumer items such as groceries, clothing and beer, wine and other alcoholic beverages also rose. Strong restocking helped drive the economy's 2.8 percent annual growth rate in the July-September quarter.

Rising stockpiles contributed 0.8 percentage point to growth.

Rising stockpiles boost growth because it means

factories have produced more goods. And rising sales among wholesalers shows businesses are unlikely to get caught with too many unsold goods on their shelves.

Still, the gains may not last. Consumers and businesses have been spending at a cautious pace. If that continues, companies won't need to keep building stockpiles at the same rapid pace as they did in the third quarter.

Consumers increased their spending at just a 1.5 percent annual rate in the Ju-

ly-September quarter, the slowest pace in more than two years. And businesses actually reduced their purchases of new equipment. Those trends suggest that companies won't need to add much to their stockpiles in the October-December quarter. Inventory changes may even subtract from growth.

As a result, economists at Bank of America Merrill Lynch have cut their forecast for fourth-quarter growth to an annual rate of 1.7 percent, down from a 2 percent rate. □

## Investor Ackman takes stakes in Fannie, Freddie

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Activist investor Bill Ackman's company has disclosed stakes in government-controlled mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. In regulatory filings on Friday, Pershing Square Capital Management LP said

cover. The government rescued Fannie and Freddie at the height of the financial crisis in September 2008 when both veered toward collapse under the weight of losses on risky mortgages. Together the companies received taxpayer aid

es from lenders, package them as bonds, guarantee them against default and sell them to investors. That helps make loans available.

Ackman's disclosure came two days after another investment firm, Fairholme

to buy the mortgage-bond guarantee businesses of the two companies. The firm said that would be sufficient to back about \$1 trillion in new mortgages.

The Obama administration is seeking to wind down Fannie and Freddie.

The goal of the Obama plan is to replace Fannie and Freddie with a system that would put the private sector, not the government, primarily at risk for the loans. That would spread the risk over numerous companies. The government would still be involved, both in oversight and as a last-resort loan guarantor. The White House also wants a guarantee that private lenders will make sure homeowners have access to 30-year fixed mortgages.

It's unclear whether the Fairholme proposal would fit with the administration's plan. Government officials have said previously that a small group of investment firms taking on such a large risk of mortgage defaults would open the possibility of the government having to bail out the firms if they failed. □



This photo shows Activist investor William Ackman of Pershing Square Capital Management in Toronto.

(AP Photo/Pawel Dwulit)

that it has a 9.98 percent stake in Fannie Mae and a 9.77 percent stake in Freddie Mac. An activist stakeholder uses an equity stake in a corporation to influence corporate decision-making.

Earlier this month Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac reported strong third-quarter earnings as the U.S. housing market continues to re-

totaling \$187 billion. The gradual recovery of the housing market has made Fannie and Freddie profitable again. Their repayments of the government loans have helped make this year's federal budget deficit the smallest in five years.

The two companies don't directly make loans to borrowers. They buy mortgag-

Capital Management, offered to buy Fannie and Freddie's core businesses from the government in a \$52 billion deal.

Miami-based Fairholme, led by Bruce Berkowitz, made the proposal to the Federal Housing Finance Agency, which oversees Fannie and Freddie.

Fairholme said it would lead a group of investors





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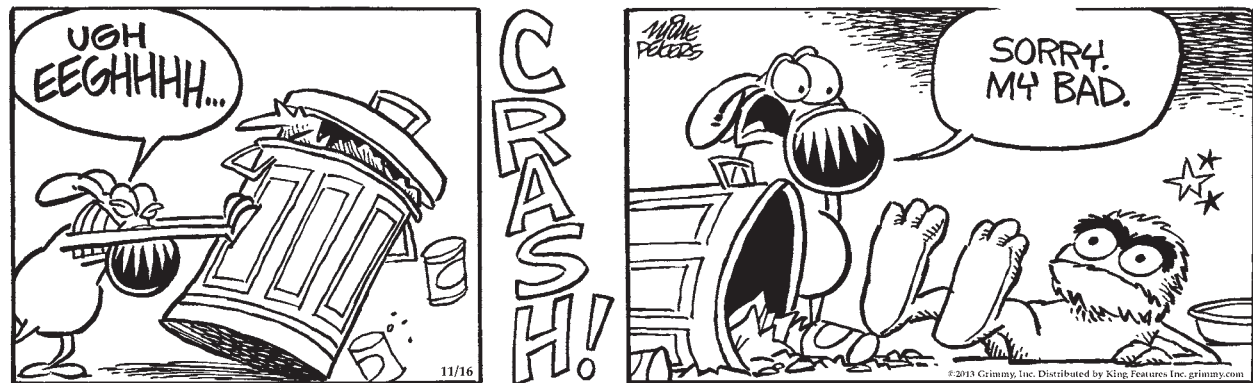
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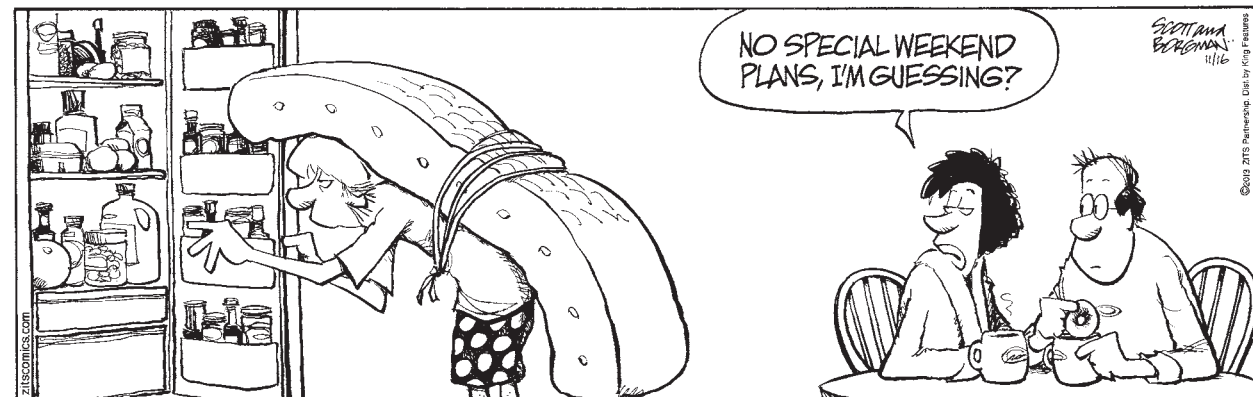
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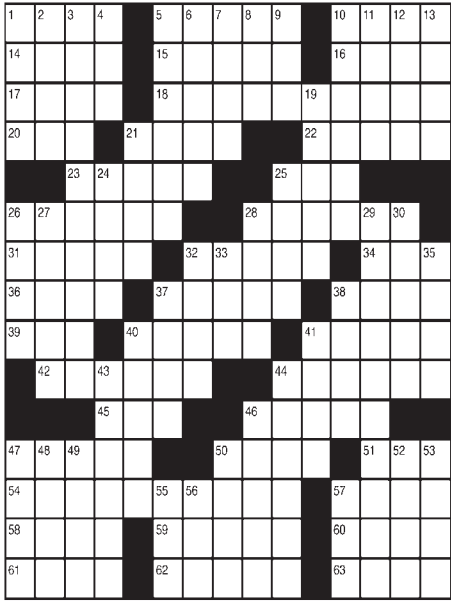
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55 Everybody  
56 Peg for Tiger  
57 Spring month



# China

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"This is the first time that a central document has clearly proposed allowing two children when a husband or wife is an only child," said Wang Guangzhou, a demographer at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in Beijing. "Now it's just talking about launching this, but the specific policies have to be developed at the operational level."

If carried through, the relaxation would mark the first significant nationwide easing of family-size restrictions that have been in place since the 1970s, said Wang Feng, a demographer who teaches at both the University of California, Irvine, and Fudan University in Shanghai. He estimated the policy could lead to 1 to 2 million more births in China every year, on top of the approximately 15 million births a year now.

"This step is really, I think, the middle step toward allowing all couples to have two children, and eventually taking away the state's hand," said Wang. "But this shift is historical, it's fundamental. To change the mentality of the society of policymakers has taken people more than a decade."

The one-child restrictions were introduced to deal with official fears that China's population would devour too many resources and suffocate growth. But they have created public ire and international criticism over forced abortions, and have created a population of 1.34 billion, according to a 2010 census, that is aging relatively rapidly, even before China establishes a firm foothold in prosperity. Experts have for years urged some relaxation of the controls.

The party leaders also confirmed an announcement made earlier this year, and then abruptly retracted, that they intend to abolish re-education through labor, which since the 1950s has empowered police authorities to imprison people without any real judicial re-

view. Experts and officials have debated whether to adjust or abolish the system of camps since the 1980s. Now abolition is closer.

"Abolish the system of re-education through labor," said the decision, which proposed expanding community correction to partly replace the system.

"This is a significant step forward," said Nicholas Bequelin, a senior researcher who specializes on China with Human Rights Watch, an advocacy organization with headquarters in New York.

"It doesn't mean that China is going to be kinder to dissent and to its critics," said Bequelin. "But it's an important step to do away with a system that not only profoundly violated human rights, but was also standing in the way of any further legal reform."

Re-education through labor was introduced under Mao Zedong to lock away alleged political opponents, and it expanded into a system of incarceration holding more than 100,000 people, many of them working in prison factories and on farms. Sentences are determined by the police, and defendants have scant chance to appeal imprisonment that can last up to four years.

The document gives no date for bringing labor re-education to an end, or for introducing the changes to family planning policy. And there is the possibility that the government will delay or dilute the changes, or introduce similar restrictions under another name, said Bequelin. The decision also leaves in place labor camps that are part of the general penal system for those convicted in court.

In a country that carries out more executions than the rest of the world combined, the document pledged to gradually reduce the number of crimes that can result in the death penalty. But it gave no details about what crimes may be affected.

Under Xi, the government has pursued a broad crackdown on political dissent, critical opinion and rumors on the Internet, and perceived ideological threats. □

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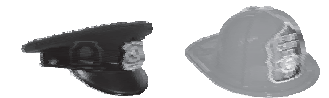
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# Where did dogs first appear? DNA points to Europe

**MALCOLM RITTER**  
**AP Science Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — For years, scientists have been dogged by this evolution question: Just where did man's best friend first appear? The earliest known doglike fossils come from Europe. But DNA studies have implicated east Asia and the Middle East. Now a large DNA study is lining up with the fossils, suggesting dogs originated in Europe some 19,000 to 32,000 years ago. Experts praised the new work but said it won't end the debate. Scientists generally agree that dogs emerged from wolves to become the first domesticated animal. Their wolf ancestors began to associate with people, maybe drawn by food in garbage dumps and carcasses left by human hunters. In the process they became tamer, and scientists believe ancient people found them useful for duties like hunting and guard duty. Over a very long time in this human environment, wolves gradually turned into the first dogs. The latest attempt to figure



This photo provided by the Center for American Archaeology on Nov. 12, 2013 shows canine bones buried at the Koster site in Greene County, Ill. The fossil specimen at this site is dated to 8,500 years ago.

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out where this happened was published online Thursday by the journal Science. Researchers gathered DNA from fossils of 18 ancient wolflike and doglike creatures that lived up to 36,000 years ago in Argentina, Belgium, Germany, Russia,

Switzerland and the United States. They compared the genetic material to modern samples from 49 wolves from North America, Asia, Europe and the Middle East, 77 dogs of a wide variety of breeds including cocker spaniel, basenji and

golden retriever, and four coyotes. The DNA of modern dogs showed similarities to the genetic material from the ancient European specimens and modern-day European wolves, the researchers reported. The first dogs evolved by

associating with hunter-gatherers rather than farmers, since dogs evidently appeared before agriculture did, they said.

"There are now, based on genetic evidence, three alternative hypotheses for the origin of dogs," said Robert Wayne of the University of California, Los Angeles, a study author.

He said his results suggest a better case for Europe than for east Asia or the Middle East. He also said the kind of wolf that gave rise to dogs is now extinct. Olaf Thalmann of the University of Turku in Finland, another author, said the work doesn't mean that Europe is the only place where dogs emerged.

"We conclude that Europe played a major role in the domestication process," he said in an email.

The work makes a strong argument for an origin in Europe, although it might not be the only place, said Greger Larson of Durham University in England, who did not participate in the research. "I think it's a real step in the right direction." □

## Photo in Vietnam shows mammal unseen for 15 years

**HANOI, Vietnam (AP)** — A camera trap in a forest in central Vietnam has managed to snap a photo of one of earth's rarest mammals, the saola, which hadn't been seen in 15 years.

The antelope-like, long-horned ox appears to walk through dense foliage at the edge of the camera's range in the image taken in September. Conservation group WWF released the image along with a statement Wednesday.

"This is a breathtaking discovery and renews hope for the recovery of the species," Van Ngoc Tinh, WWF's Vietnam director, was quoted as saying.

The animal was discovered in remote mountains near Laos in 1992 when a joint team of WWF and Vietnam's forest control agency found a skull with

unusual horns in a hunter's home. The find proved to be the first large mammal new to science in more

than 50 years, according to the WWF.

Two saola were captured in central Vietnam in 1993

but died in captivity after several months.

The last sighting of a saola in the wild was in 1998,

according to Dang Dinh Nguyen, director of a saola nature reserve in Vietnam's central province of Quang Nam.

In the area where the saola was photographed, WWF has recruited forest guards locally to remove snares and battle illegal hunting, the greatest threat to saolas' survival, the statement said.

The snares had been set largely to catch other animals, such as deer and civets, which are a delicacy in Vietnam.

Twenty years since they were first known to science, the elusive mammals remain hard to detect and little is known about them.

At best, no more than few hundred, and maybe only a few dozen, live in the remote, dense forests along Vietnam's border with Laos, WWF said. □



This photo taken in 1993 and released by WWF shows a Saola in Vietnam when it was captured.

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# New Bartlett's compiles black quotations

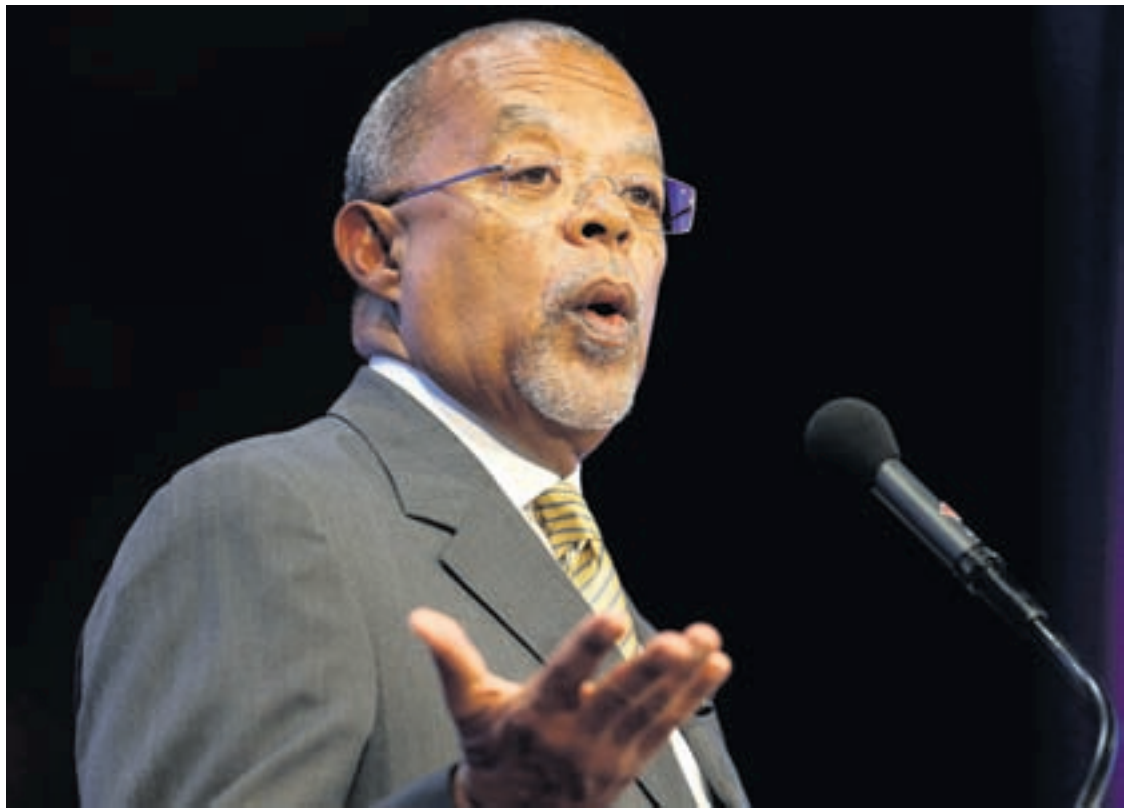
AP National Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — For the debut Bartlett's anthology of black quotations, editor Retha Powers wanted to capture the personal, the political and the artistic.

"When you think about black history, you think about touch points like slavery, colonialism, apartheid," Powers says. "Those are heavy and difficult topics. But there also lives being led and poetry being created and plays being written. I wanted to be able to show all of that, the will to create a culture and a life." "Bartlett's Familiar Black Quotations," which has just been published, has the most comprehensive of subtitles: "5,000 Years of Literature, Lyrics, Poems, Passages, Phrases, and Proverbs from Voices Around the World." It reaches back to ancient times and oral cultures and continues right up to rap, Malcolm Gladwell and

President Barack Obama.

In a foreword for the new book, the author and critic Henry Louis Gates Jr. notes that compilations of black quotations date back to the 19th century and that the "field has proliferated with a marvelous array of titles." But, he adds, none of the reference works compares with "the scope of Retha Powers' collection." The 764-page book includes lyrics by Robert Johnson, Smokey Robinson and Jay Z; the humor of Richard Pryor, Chris Rock and Eddie Murphy; the oratory of the Revs. Martin Luther King Jr. and Jesse Jackson; and prose and poetry from Ralph Ellison, Toni Morrison and Maya Angelou. The new Bartlett's compiles statesmen (Nelson Mandela) and tyrants (Idi Amin), radicals (Malcolm X) and conservatives (Clarence Thomas), scholars (John Hope Franklin) and slaves (Nat Turner).



In this Oct. 2, 2013 file photo, Harvard University professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr., addresses the audience during an award ceremony for the W.E.B. Du Bois Medal at Harvard University, in Cambridge, Mass.

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There are boasts (Muhammad Ali's catchphrase "I am the greatest"), protests (Tracy Chapman: "Why are the missiles called peace-keepers?"), jokes (Dave Chappelle: "Every black is bilingual. We speak street vernacular and job interview") and pleas (Rodney King: "Can we all get along?"). □

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In this Oct. 2, 2010 file photo, John Oliver appears on stage at Comedy Central's 'Night Of Too Many Stars: An Overbooked Concert For Autism Education' at the Beacon Theatre in New York.
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## John Oliver to star in weekly HBO comedy

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — HBO says British comedian John Oliver is getting his own weekly show after his winning turn as substitute host for Jon Stewart. Next year, Oliver's Sunday night program will take a satirical look at current events for the week, HBO said Thursday. HBO President Michael Lombardo said the channel wasn't looking for another weekly talk show. But Lombardo said in a statement Oli-

ver's handling of "The Daily Show" in Stewart's absence earlier this year convinced HBO his "distinct voice" belongs on the channel. Stewart had been away directing a film. Oliver thanked Stewart for teaching him everything he knows during his years with "The Daily Show" — then joked that if he fails, it's entirely Stewart's fault. The debut date and title for Oliver's new show were not announced.



In this Feb. 10, 2013 file photo, Chris Brown arrives at the 55th annual Grammy Awards, in Los Angeles.
 Associated Press

## Chris Brown out of rehab, doing community service

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Chris Brown is no longer in residential rehab. A spokeswoman for the troubled entertainer said Thursday that Brown "is continuing his rehab program as an outpatient" and working on community service in the Los Angeles area. Brown announced on Oct. 30 that he would seek treatment "to gain focus and insight" into his behavior. The decision came a day after he was released from

jail for allegedly punching a man in Washington, D.C. Brown is still on probation for his 2009 attack on then-girlfriend Rihanna. His recent arrest could jeopardize that probation and result in up to four years in prison. The 24-year-old is still working to complete 1,000 hours of community service following the Rihanna conviction. Publicist Nicole Perna said Brown appreciates his fans' encouragement and support.

# Film recounts outpouring of grief to JFK's widow



In this May 25, 1964 file photo, Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, wife of the late president, John F. Kennedy, talks to newsmen during a preview tour of the exhibit of the late President Kennedy's mementoes, in New York. At her side is U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy, brother of John F. Kennedy.
 Associated Press

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Veteran TV comedy writer Janis Hirsch is used to her words entertaining millions of viewers. But the letter she scrawled in early 1964 as a hospitalized teenager was intended to comfort an audience of one: bereaved first lady Jacqueline Kennedy. Hirsch's note, among some 800,000 sent to Mrs. Kennedy in the two months after President John F. Kennedy's Nov. 22, 1963, assassination in Dallas, is featured along with about 20 others in the moving, finely wrought documentary "Letters to Jackie: Remembering President Kennedy." It airs at 9 p.m. EST Sunday on TLC. "I know you too have problems, so I will tell you my remedy for smiling and happiness. Always sing 'You Gotta Have Heart' (from the Broadway musical 'Damn Yankees') and I think you'll be happy,"

Hirsch wrote, signing off with "Most respectfully yours." Based on Ellen Fitzpatrick's book, "Letters to Jackie: Condolences from a Grieving Nation," the film by Bill Couturie calls on actors including Viola Davis, Chris Cooper, Jessica Chastain, Demian Bichir, Octavia Spencer, Allison Janney and Channing Tatum to bring the words to life. The tender expressions of support offered to Kennedy's widow are woven into a whole with his presidency and the tenor of the times. Snapshots of the writers are mixed with videos and photos marking his up-and-down course as U.S. leader, with the glamorous Jackie at his side. In the wash of projects marking the 50th anniversary of his death, it's among the more intimate efforts. The heartfelt correspondence also stands in sharp and dismaying contrast with the cynicism Americans express toward

politicians of all stripes today. Hailee Steinfeld reads Hirsch's letter, written when the 13-year-old from Trenton, N.J., was recovering from a broken hip that was part of the continuing fallout of the polio she contracted in infancy. "After the assassination, I was scared, sad, mad and confused like everyone else in the country," recalled Hirsch in a recent interview. It was about two months after the shooting that a TV report about Mrs. Kennedy's grief prompted Hirsch to act. "Thinking that Jackie, this young, beautiful mother of two was still sad, I just had to make her happy," said Hirsch, who went on to work with a number of hit shows including "Frasier" and "Will & Grace." She remembered writing the letter — which elicited a White House acknowledgment that thrilled a mail carrier with its return address — but was "floored" by her gall in doing so when author Fitzpatrick contacted her about it. "When Ellen sent me a copy of the handwritten, horribly spelled letter I wrote, it took my breath away," Hirsch said. "Who on earth did I think I was telling this woman ... to sing along with 'You Gotta Have Heart?'" In a statement, Couturie said the "strength and wisdom of the nation, coming out of profound tragedy, rings clear in these letters." A wide cross-section of Americans felt compelled to share their grief with Mrs. Kennedy. The letters, whether typed or penned, carried distinctive voices and candidly painful messages. "I know words can be of little comfort now for I lost my husband on June 12th in the same way. The entire world shares your great loss and sorrow," wrote Myrlie Evers, the widow of slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers.



# What About Us?



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It goes without saying that the only near-term deal with Iran worth partially lifting sanctions for would be a deal that freezes all the key components of Iran's nuclear weapons development program, and the only deal worth lifting all sanctions for is one that verifiably restricts Iran's ability to breakout and build a nuclear bomb.

But there is something else that goes without saying, but still needs to be said loudly: We, America, are not just hired lawyers negotiating a deal for Israel and the Sunni Gulf Arabs, which they alone get the final say on. We, America, have our own interests in not only seeing Iran's nuclear weapons capability curtailed, but in ending the 34-year-old Iran-U.S. Cold War, which has harmed our interests and those of our Israeli and Arab friends.

Hence, we must not be reluctant about articulating and asserting our interests in the face of Israeli and Arab efforts to block a deal that we think would be good for us and them. America's interests today lie in an airtight interim nuclear deal with Iran that also opens the way for addressing a whole set of other issues between Washington and Tehran.

Some of our allies don't share those "other" interests and believe the only acceptable outcome is bombing Iran's nuclear facilities and keeping Iran an isolated, weak, pariah state. They don't trust this Iranian regime - and not without reason. I don't begrudge their skepticism. Without pressure from Israel, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, and the global sanctions on Iran they helped to spur, Iran would not be offering to scale back its nuclear program today.

But that pressure was never meant to be an end itself. It was meant to bring Iran in from the cold, provided it verifiably relinquished the ability to breakout with a nuclear weapon. "Just because regional actors see diplomacy with Iran as a zero-sum game - vanquish or be vanquished - doesn't mean America should," said Karim Sadjadpour, the expert on Iran at the Carnegie Endowment.

Why? Let's start with the fact that Iran has sizable influence over several of the United States' most critical national security concerns, including Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, terrorism, energy security, and nuclear proliferation. Whereas tension with Iran has served to exacerbate these issues, détente with Tehran could help ameliorate them. Iran played a vital role in helping us to defeat the Taliban in Afghanistan in 2001 and can help us get out without the Taliban

completely taking over again.

"Iran has at least as much at stake in a stable Iraq, and a stable Afghanistan, as we do - and as an immediate neighbor has a far greater ability to influence them, for good or ill," said Nader Mousavizadeh, the Iranian-American co-founder of Macro Advisory Partners and a former top aide to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

There is a struggle in Tehran today between those who want Iran to behave as a nation, looking out for its interests, and those who want it to continue behaving as a permanent revolution in a permanent struggle with the United States and its allies. What's at stake in the Geneva nuclear negotiations - in part - "is which Iranian foreign policy prevails," argued Mousavizadeh. A mutually beneficial deal there could open the way for cooperation on other fronts.

Moreover, there is nothing that threatens the future of the Middle East today more than the sectarian rift between Sunni and Shiite Muslims. This rift is being used by President Bashar Assad of Syria, Hezbollah and some Arab leaders to distract their people from fundamental questions of economic growth, unemployment, corruption and political legitimacy. It is also being used to keep Iran isolated and unable to fully exploit its rich oil and gas reserves, which could challenge some Arab producers. But our interest is in quelling these sectarian passions, not taking one side.

The Iran-U.S. Cold War has prevented us from acting productively on all these interests. It is easy to say we should just walk away from talks if we don't get what we want, but isolating Iran won't be as easy as it once was. China, Russia, India and Japan have different interests than us vis-à-vis Iran. The only man who could unite them all behind this tough sanctions regime was Iran's despicable previous president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. The new president, Hassan Rouhani, is much more deft.

"Our sanctions leverage may have peaked," said Sadjadpour. "Countries like China won't indefinitely forsake their own commercial and strategic interests vis-à-vis Iran simply to please the U.S. Congress."

All this is why the deal the Obama team is trying to forge now that begins to defuse Iran's nuclear capabilities, and tests whether more is possible, is fundamentally in the U.S. interest. "The prize of détente with Iran is critical to allowing the U.S. a sensibly balanced future foreign policy that aligns interests with commitments, and allows us to rebuild at home at the same time," said Mousavizadeh.

There are those in the Middle East who prefer "a war without end for the same tribal, sectarian, backward-looking reasons that are stunting their own domestic development as open, integrated, pluralist societies," he added. "They can have it. But it can't be our war. It's not who we are - at home or abroad." □



## Serving Life For This?



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So you're a judge, and Sharanda P. Jones comes before you for sentencing for conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine.

She's a 32-year-old mom with a 9-year-old daughter and no prior arrests, but she has been caught up in a drug sweep that has led to 105 arrests in her Texas town. Everyone arrested is black.

There are no drugs found on Jones, but her supposed co-conspirators testify against her in exchange for reduced sentences. The whole case is dubious, but she has been convicted. What's your sentence?

You have little choice. Given the presumptions of the case, she gets a mandatory minimum sentence of life without the possibility of parole. Jump to today and already Jones has spent 14 years in prison and is expected to die behind bars - for a first offense.

At a time when the United States has been slashing preschool programs, we have also been spending vast sums to incarcerate thousands of nonviolent offenders in life sentences without the possibility of parole. These cases underscore that our mass incarceration experiment has resulted in monstrous injustice and waste - a waste of tax dollars and of human lives.

Judges and prison officials are rebelling at the injustice of our justice system. Here's what Judge

James R. Spencer, a federal district judge, said when sentencing a former FBI informant to life without parole for selling crack cocaine to support his own addiction: "A life sentence for what you have done in this case is ridiculous; it is a travesty."

But federal law on mandatory minimums left Spencer no leeway. He added: "I don't agree with it, either. And I want the world and the record to be clear on that. This is just silly."

Here are some other nonviolent offenders serving life sentences without the possibility of parole:

- Ricky Minor, a meth addict and father of three, was found with 1.2 grams of meth in his home, along with over-the-counter decongestants that can be used to manufacture meth. He was initially charged under Florida law and says he faced a 2 1/2-year sentence. Later indicted under federal law, he pleaded guilty because his public defender said that otherwise the prosecutors would also pursue his wife, leaving no one to raise their children. Minor had several prior nonviolent offenses, for which he had never served time, and these required Judge Clyde Roger Vinson to sentence him to life without parole. Vinson said that the sentence "far exceeds whatever punishment would be appropriate."

- Dicky Joe Jackson was a trucker whose 2-year-old son, Cole, needed a bone-marrow transplant to save his life. The family raised \$50,000 through community fundraisers, not nearly enough for the transplant, and Jackson tried to earn the difference by carrying meth in his truck. He has now been in prison for the last 17 years; when he lost his last appeal, he divorced his wife of 19 years so that she could start over in her life. The federal prosecutor in the case acknowledged: "I saw no indication that Mr. Jackson was violent, that he was any sort

of large-scale narcotics trafficker, or that he committed his crimes for any reason other than to get money to care for his gravely ill child."

- Danielle Metz became pregnant at 17 and later married an abusive man who was also a drug dealer. To placate him, she says, she sometimes helped him by fetching cocaine or collecting money from Western Union. After one clash in which he punched her in the face, she took the kids and left him. Two months later, she was indicted. She says that she was prosecuted primarily to induce her to testify against her husband, but that she wasn't knowledgeable enough to have useful information to trade for a reduced sentence. She has now spent more than 20 years in prison.

Those examples come from a devastating new report, "A Living Death," by the American Civil Liberties Union. It identified more than 3,200 such nonviolent offenders sentenced to die behind bars.

Four out of five are black or Hispanic. Virtually all are poor. Many had dismal legal counsel. Some were convicted of crimes committed when they were juveniles or very young adults.

These people are victims of the United States' disastrous experiment in mass incarceration. From the 1930s through the early 1970s, we incarcerated people at a steady rate. Since then, incarceration rates have roughly quintupled. This country now imprisons people at more than five times the rates of most Western countries.

I write often about human rights abuses abroad. But when we take young, nonviolent offenders - some of them never arrested before - and sentence them to die in prison, it's time for Americans who care about injustice to gaze in the mirror. □



## Football Coach's Career:

# From Heights To Depths, And Everything In Between

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**ATLANTA** - The zigzag of a chart tracking the career of a typical football coaching lifer tends to mirror the charts that record the long-term performance of the stock market. For the coach, the line's overall ascent is periodically interrupted by a flat line or a downturn, reflecting the inevitable firing or nonrenewal of a contract.

A three-dimensional graph

League and worked as an unpaid assistant at the upstart NAIA member Ave Maria University.

He has paddled back into the football mainstream this season, barely, as offensive coordinator at Georgia State. The winless Panthers would rate last among the 125 BCS programs in the computer poll average, but they do not qualify for the rankings while they make the transition to the Football Bowl Subdivision

He has tossed out the first pitch at Fenway Park; ridden in a Black Hawk helicopter; become acquainted with business captains, including the Atlanta Falcons' owner Arthur Blank, a co-founder of Home Depot, when he worked with the team, and Tom Monaghan, the founder of Ave Maria and of Domino's Pizza; toiled as a Green Bay Packers assistant at Lambeau Field, which he never set foot upon while

bled the college's athletic director, Gene DeFilippo. When Jagodzinski defied his boss and met with the Jets, he was fired. Worse for him, the Jets opted for Rex Ryan.

Without specifying how, Jagodzinski said he would handle the situation differently today. (His wife attributed the breakup to two competitive men stubbornly holding their ground. "Cooler heads should have prevailed," she said.)

ousted just before the final exhibition game. Details were sketchy. Logan, who had accompanied Jagodzinski to the Bucs, attributed the fallout to staff reassignments that led to conflicts in offensive philosophies.

"Coaches are experts at picking themselves up and dusting themselves off," Logan said. "Coaches getting fired, even though it happens all the time - it still scars you. It hurt Jeff deeply."

Lisa Jagodzinski called it "devastating, because we had just come off the other one; it was kind of a double whammy."

Lisa elected to stay in Tampa when Jeff joined the Omaha Nighthawks of the United Football League in 2010. He found coaching in that league, which is on hiatus, enjoyable and humbling. The home field was configured along the first-base line in a baseball park and measured less than 100 yards.

After one year, he was fired again.

The unsettling pattern ended in 2012 with a role as an assistant at Ave Maria near Naples, Fla., if only because a volunteer cannot be fired. Jagodzinski declined a salary, with his family more financially secure than it was when he worked at East Carolina, where he had accepted his initial paid speaking engagement at a coaching clinic despite stage fright so the couple could afford a new refrigerator.

By the time he joined Ave Maria, Jagodzinski had learned to relish the present, to appreciate the moment without envisioning the next move. He did not blink at the 12-hour bus rides to road games. Bunking at a condo provided by Monaghan, he lunched with students and became the first invited speaker for Man Up, the college's men's faith club.

During the season, he and Lisa would drive to a halfway meeting point, sometimes a gas station parking lot, and catch up. □



**Jeff Jagodzinski, offensive coordinator for the Georgia State University football team, at a practice in Atlanta, Nov. 13, 2013. Jagodzinski's career, which peaked with a head coaching job at Boston College and then dived when he was fired from both Boston College and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the same year, is back on track, barely, with the Georgia State job.**

(Dustin Chambers/The New York Times)

and extra ink might be required for Jeff Jagodzinski's chart, which has wildly zigged here and zagged there after a peak when he was the head coach at Boston College.

He managed to be dismissed twice in 2009 - at Boston College (with the New York Jets playing a role) and as offensive coordinator with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers - without working a game in between. There are detours and there is driving off the grid, which was what Jagodzinski did when he became a head coach in the four-team United Football

level.

Because coaches coach wherever someone will hand them a whistle, the coach universally known as Jags stays in a rented home while his wife ("Lisa Jags") and four of their five children live 450 miles south in Tampa, Fla.

"I don't see myself doing anything else but this," he said. "There is a lot more to go."

Jagodzinski, 50, is undeterred by the bang-bang job losses, preferring instead to focus on the joy of affecting young men's lives and on the experiences that football can provide.

growing up in Milwaukee because of ticket scarcity; secured autographs on the same ball from the Packers legends Bart Starr and Brett Favre; and was pranked by Favre, whom he coached, with a fake rat under a desk.

Like players floored by a pancake block, coaches climb to their feet after being flattened. His first knockdown moment happened in 2009, two years into a winning stint as head coach at Boston College. Jagodzinski accepted an invitation to interview for the position of head coach with the Jets, which trou-

Steve Logan, a friend and a Boston College assistant at the time who coached with Jagodzinski at three stops, recalled the episode as "catastrophic for everybody involved."

"I think there would have been a long, successful run there," said Logan, who hosts a sports talk radio show in Raleigh, N.C.

Still, Jagodzinski was promptly re-employed, this time as the Bucs' offensive coordinator.

Lisa and the children had just arrived in Tampa, settling into a house she had not seen until after Jeff bought it, when he was